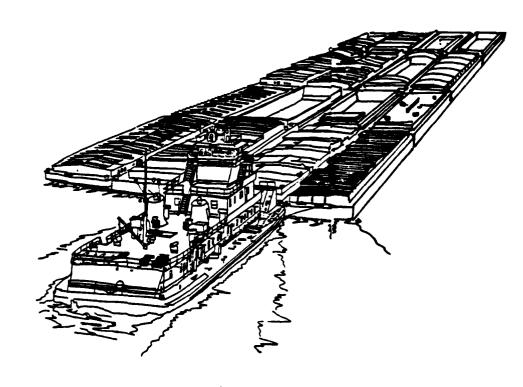
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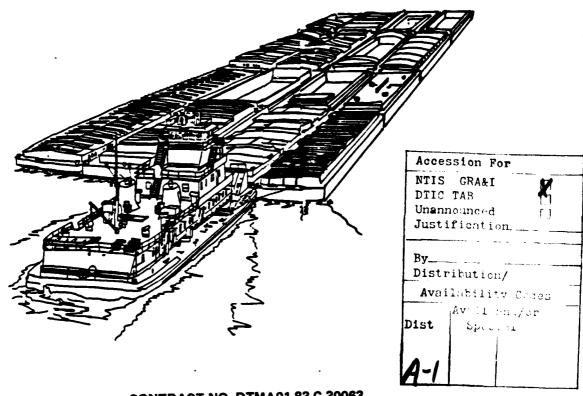
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FOREWORD

Under the sponsorship of the United States Maritime Administration, Dravo-Mechling Corporation (DMC) and Temple, Barker & Sloane, Inc. (TBS), developed and now describe in this document a structure and methodology for strategic planning that has been specifically designed to meet the needs of the inland barge and towing operator.

STATUS OF INLAND BARGE AND TOWING INDUSTRY

From 1940-1980, the U.S. inland barge industry was a growing and relatively stable segment of the bulk marine transportation industry. Compared to the oceangoing subsidized sector of the U.S. merchant marine, it is relatively free from regulations for the majority of its traffic.

For these reasons, the inland barge industry had attracted many corporate owners and investors. In many cases their portfolios had grown to include barge fleets, towboats, fleeting and operating services, bulk and general cargo loading and discharge terminals, new construction, and repair shipyards. In addition, some major customers -- including grain companies, coal producers, utilities, agricultural cooperatives and chemical companies -- had invested directly in inland barge operations. Many companies expanded their roles in a range of functions from private terminal operators through barge building. In recent years, these companies have been affected by the activities of independent investors and private carriers who have changed the structure and behavior of the industry. The current depression in equipment use and carrier profitability and revenues has led to bankruptcies, mergers, and aquisitions, and has altered customers' relationships with the for-hire carriers. It is critical that carriers understand and respond appropriately to these changes.

The industry also finds itself operating in an increasingly complex and volatile economic and trade environment. In the last decade, barge loadings have expanded significantly as a result of the increased agricultural exports from the Gulf of Mexico ports, where commercial, government-financed, and government-to-government programs have been established. Exports of coal to foreign utilities and steel producers have increased. For the foreign purchasers of these dry bulk commodities, the United States remains a vital, but often the last-choice, supplier that meets

the fluctuating year-to-year needs, which are driven by international political, economic, and financial realities. Strong demand during one year is often followed by weak demand during the next. In the domestic arena, the changing levels of energy and natural-resource consumption during economic recessions and expansions have complicated trading conditions and investment decision-making. All these factors lead to erratic fluctuations in demand for barge services, which are difficult to satisfy.

The inland barge and towing industry has also been faced with a changing regulatory environment. Railroad deregulation and the resulting pricing policies will be a fundamental competitive aspect of the 1980s. And it is possible that the barge industry will be eliminated from the Interstate Commerce Commission's (ICC) regulatory realm. Nationwide initiatives for water resource development and waterway user fees for cost recovery will affect both the costs and markets of inland barge operations and could cause other economic effects on the regions served by the industry. Finally, fuel availability, quality, and price must be related to capital and operating decisions concerning towboat investments.

NEED FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING

The business environment for the 1980s and 1990s will place heavy demands on private enterprise for the effective use of assets. Because of the volatility of inland barge conditions, the returns from operations as well as the market value of assets can vary widely from year to year. If individual companies do not make the appropriate decisions, the entire industry as well as the shippers that rely on the barge industry can be profoundly affected.

In this increasingly complex and competitive environment, independent inland barge carriers will face difficult decisions related to the refurbishing of capital assets. If barge line owners cannot forsee future returns on investments that compare favorably to returns in other businesses or that exceed their capital costs, even the more successful companies might consider the divestiture of assets, if they could find buyers. But if they remain in the ring, they may find themselves driven to low cost, low risk, and timid strategies that would ultimately reduce service and industry capability.

Like most sectors of the maritime industry, the inland barge industry has in all too many instances been directed by managers with limited exposure to other industries, who generally have

more technical than management training, more operational than analytical experience, and who now find themselves surrounded by complex market issues, legislation, and regulation.

As the inland barge industry's executive decision-making environment has changed, so has the governmental policy makers' framework. To ensure that government programs are tailored to the industry's needs in the new environment, it is crucial to achieve a better understanding of the market conditions that the industry will face in the future.

The following premises state the reasons for recognizing strategic planning as vital to the recovery and future health of the inland barge industry:

- Knowledge of expected market supply and demand is critical to the future of the inland barge and towing industry.
- Planning is fundamental to successful management in what should be an increasingly volatile industry.
- The evaluation of fundamental economic, industrial, regulatory, competitive, and political issues is a critical step in the planning process.
- Managing in a marketplace of excess capacity and/or weak trade levels requires greater care in making investment, operational, sales, and other decisions than managing in a strong market.
- Techniques can be developed to give managers important information to guide them in strategy development and implementation.
- Strategies are composed of various service, price, cost, charter, investment, financial, operating, and organizational elements.

PLANNING REQUIREMENTS FOR BARGE LINES

The planning requirements of an inland barge line must focus on the following:

 Developing an analysis and forecasts of both current and potential markets;

- Assessing the need for new industry and company strategies and structures to better confront competitive and underlying economic realities;
- Matching equipment and technology to the evolving market requirements and competitive conditions;
- Improving the productivity of physical, capital, and human resources;
- Developing the managerial talent and organizational strengths, without which strategic plans remain just unused blueprints;
- Optimizing the industry and company capitalization and capital access; and
- Constructively addressing the legislative, regulatory, and associated inter- and intra-industry practices that impede progress and performance.

During the next decade every inland carrier will be challenged by the constant need to make major equipment decisions against the backdrop of increasing competition. This document provides a mechanism for the inland barge and towing companies to identify likely future market and competitive conditions and develop appropriate strategies using state-of-the-art strategic planning concepts and techniques.

I. INTRODUCTION: A STRUCTURE FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING

SUMMARY

Recent history underscores the unpredictability that the operator of an inland barge line is likely to face over the next decade. The government-imposed export restrictions, changing energy prices, and worldwide recession can play havoc with the most carefully planned company strategy. These shocks to long term trends can not be forecasted. However, effective strategic planning can mitigate much of the destabilizing impact of the unexpected.

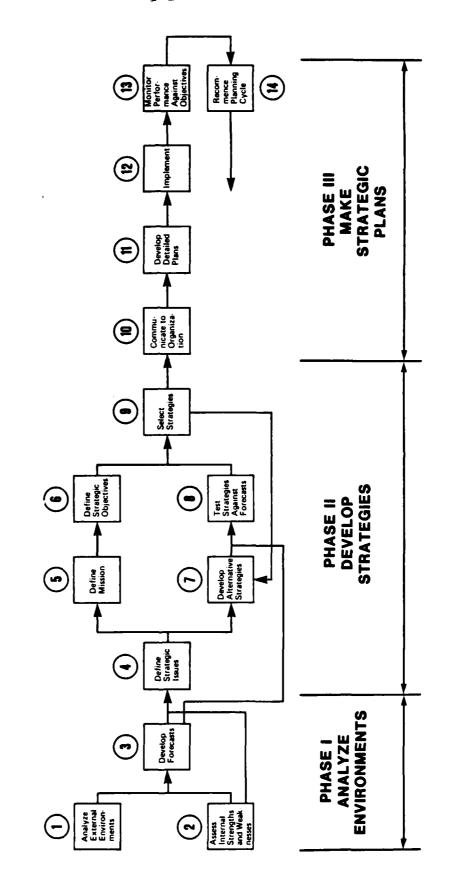
This manual develops—and this chapter briefly outlines—a structure for planning that will enable managers of inland barge lines to deal more effectively with the challenges of the future. The planning process consists of three phases: first, an analysis and forecast of the company's business environments, second, the development of company objectives and strategies, third, the implementation of the selected strategy.

Figure I-l illustrates the sequence of and interaction among the various steps of the planning process. The process begins with an analysis of the various environments within which the company operates. This analysis provides a basis for projecting the future external factors that will affect the barge line. Given this projection, the company's capabilities are assessed to determine the issues of strategic importance—factors that may play a critical role in the company's future success. Then alternative strategies are then designed to address the challenges of the strategic issues. These strategies are rigorously tested to select those that will be most effective in the future. Finally, the cycle is completed when the strategy selected is implemented. Monitoring performance against strategic objectives leads to the identification of new strategic issues. Then the process begins anew.

Effective planning leads to developing strategies that:
(1) align the barge line's resources to use its strengths in areas of opportunity while avoiding vulnerability; (2) ensure enough flexibility to respond to the unforeseen; and (3) provide yardsticks that monitor the company's progress towards its strategic objectives.

An established planning system enables a barge line to respond quickly to meet the challenge of short-term crises as well as long-term planning needs. Quick reactions are built into

FIGURE 1-1 STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS



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Analyze External Environments

The Industry

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The Market

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Each key commodity should torical changes in total traff tant origin/destination pairs. the following:

- Grain
- Fertilizer

- Coal
- Construction materials
- Ores
- Minerals
- Iron and steel products
- Forest products
- Chemicals
- Clean petroleum products
- Dirty petroleum products

In developing a market forecast, it is necessary to go beyond the analysis of historical trends in commodity movements and look at the underlying economic and other forces that affect the movements. The demand for transportation on the river system comes from the demand for the goods to be moved. Therefore, the need for shipping services is a direct function of the economic conditions surrounding the production and consumption of the commodities. To project the traffic levels on specific waterways requires forecasting the general economic conditions and outlook for the specific sectors of industry, mining, and agriculture. A knowledge of slated industrial projects and commodity export opportunities is also valuable for producing a reliable trade forecast.

This forecasted market for services by the barge industry should not be confused with the market for services of the planner's barge line. Forecasts of the company's markets are based on more specific factors such as equipment availability, rate structure, sales performance, competitors' actions, and other factors, both internal and external to the company.

The Competitors

To analyze competitors, a planner must learn who they are and what are their present and projected strategies. The analysis should identify the competitors' relative strengths and weaknesses, thus indicating potential opportunities for and threats to the company. The planner should seek insights into how specific competitors may react to environmental changes or to specific strategies adopted by the company.

One of the key aspects of this analysis is to use important business attributes to profile a competitor's position as it relates to the company. These attributes include the number and types of towboats and barges in service, market segments served (e.g., by river and commodity), rate activity, and market role (e.g., leader or follower).

Important insights that may be obtained from analyzing competitors include the following:

- Understanding their market interests based on their equipment profiles, deployments of towboats and barges, and access to additional equipment.
- Knowing their marketing strategies as revealed by their activities in public trading of covered barge contracts, and bids offered to shippers.
- Noting their operating efficiencies by observing their fleeting locations, tow makeups, operating areas, and frequency of service.
- Determining whether or not competitors' perceived strategies in specific market segments are compatible with their overall interests.

All markets that each competitor serves should be analyzed to determine its flexibility in equipment deployment, previous actions in similar situations, and the priorities that specific types of traffic hold in the competitor's total sphere of operations.

Other Environmental Factors

The complexity of the business environment in which a barge line operates requires that a number of other factors be analyzed. The primary areas requiring attention are: the legal and regulatory environment, changes in the physical characteristics of the waterways, new technology, availability of resources used by barge lines, and activities of competing inland modes of transportation.

Legal and Regulatory

The objective of an analysis of the legal and regulatory environment is to identify the areas that support or limit the company's operations. With this information, the planner can build strategies that gain the maximum advantage from the en-

vironment and support the legislative initiatives that would be to the company's advantage. Examples of these issues are intermodal ownership, waterway user charges, and ICC deregulation.

Physical Characteristics of the Waterway System

Changes in the inland waterway system can make an important impact on the future operations and markets of a barge line. Lock repairs, low water, and floods can impose delays on particular waterways that could seriously affect the economics of markets. On the other hand, planned improvements to existing waterways, such as the 1,200 foot lock at Alton, IL, or the new waterway connecting the Tennessee and Tombigbee Rivers can improve operating efficiencies or open up entirely new markets.

• New Technology

Improvements in towboat and barge design and materials handling technology can reduce costs significantly or open new market segments to a barge line. While the current state of design and construction of inland vessels is quite advanced, there are some improvements coming, such as more cost-effective diesel engines burning heavier fuels and fuel monitoring systems that permit more efficient engine speed control. The correct timing of new investments in advanced technology should fit into the total financial framework of the company.

• Availability of Resources

The availability of barges, towboats, fuel, manpower, and other key resources that are used in the barge line's operations will affect the cost structure of the company and the industry. Since barge rates are very sensitive to changes in capital and operating costs, knowing the supply and demand in these resource markets is very useful in understanding the dynamics of the barge transportation market.

• Competing Modes of Transportation

Construction, merger, market entry, and pricing activities of railroads and pipelines can seriously affect inland barge line markets and profitability. The barge line strategic planner must be aware of new developments in these competing modes.

Assess Internal Strengths and Weaknesses

The Company

The next step is to conduct an internal assessment of the company's strengths and weaknesses relative to others in the industry. A prime objective of the internal evaluation is to identify areas of competitive advantage, such as fully depreciated barges, that may be used to exploit future opportunities. However, the assessment should also identify areas of weakness, such as high cost terminal operations that may dictate a future strategy of shutting down these facilities to decrease the company's vulnerability. Particular performance criteria that a planner should assess include indicators of service levels, customer satisfaction, market share, cost structure, equipment use, financial performance, information systems, and adequacy of personnel.

Develop Forecasts

The final step in the first phase is to develop forecasts of the markets in which company is currently active or has an interest in entering. The forecasts are primarily focused on the demand side of the market: to determine the future requirements of shippers to use barge services to transport their raw materials and products on the inland waterway system. The supply side is also important, as represented by the expected availability of barges and towboats to transport the commodities. It is the future interactions of these two elements that determine the market for a barge line. The planner should use whatever information that he can obtain to develop useful forecasts of all elements of the markets served by the company.

PHASE TWO: STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT

During the second phase of the planning process, the separate elements of analysis carried out earlier must be combined in order to determine how their interaction shapes the future environment and the barge line's ability to prosper. A number of different analytical approaches may be required to integrate all the components. In creating an understanding of the company's future environment, the planner should identify the issues that are likely to be critical to the company's success. These strategic issues provide the focal point for developing and evaluating alternative strategies.

Corporate Mission and Strategic Objectives

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A corporate mission defines what a company plans to be. Strategic objectives are yardsticks that measure the success of the company in fulfilling that mission. The projected future environment provides a frame of reference to express the company's mission and strategic objectives. A statement of corporate mission need only include: (1) what markets the company will serve, (2) what customer needs will be met, and (3) how the company will provide those services. Strategic objectives are more specific and should reflect the company's perceptions of the future business environment and its own ability to prosper within that environment.

Effective strategic objectives provide a basis for allocating resources and evaluating the company's performance. They should provide measurable benchmarks for tracking and controlling performance in order to identify or anticipate a need for midcourse corrections. To successfully meet these objectives, the company's personnel who are responsible for implementing the strategies must be committed.

Strategic objectives must be sufficiently specific to serve as valid measures of performance. However, they must also be varied enough in the criteria they set to preclude manipulating the results through inappropriate tradeoffs, such as boosting growth in revenues at the expense of profits, or delaying vessel replacement in order to maximize short-term ROI.

Strategic Issues

Strategic issues are major changes in the barge line's environment that are considered likely to have a significant impact on the company's future. Early in the process, the environmental analysis may well identify numerous important strategic issues. Others may surface later as the company's ability to perform in the future is projected against the backdrop of the forecast environment. Such issues generally fall into the following areas:

- Changes in the amount or nature of commodities moving on specific waterways
- Towboat and barge availability
- Behavior of competitors, both barge operators and other modes

- Legal and regulatory constraints
- Waterway capacity
- Developments in technology
- Availability of resources
- The company's ability to meet future challenges

The Selection of Strategy

Developing strategy focuses on the means by which the company can meet the challenges posed by the strategic issues and attain its strategic objectives. To avoid preselecting a less than optimal strategy, a number of alternative strategies should be developed. So that a company gains a broad perspective on its problems and their potential solutions, these strategic options should stem from a variety of the company's functional areas. The process of developing several options, which are then subjected to rigorous, unbiased testing, should lead to a vote of confidence for the strategy that is finally chosen.

Each strategic option should possess enough financial detail so that resource requirements, cash flows, and market position are clearly defined over the planning period. Planners should specifically note and resolve the potential conflicts or paradoxes within a strategy, e.g., growth versus short-term profitability.

Computer simulation is very effective in integrating the diverse elements produced by the strategic analysis. Simulation tests the strategic options under the projected environmental conditions. Assumptions on future operating costs and rates can be loaded into an interactive computer model to project the company's financial, market share, and capacity use. The model can also test the sensitivity of strategic options to variations in key assumptions.

Planners should relate the projected performance of each strategic alternative to selected criteria, such as the internal rate of return, consistency with strategic objectives, flexibility of response to unforeseen environmental changes, minimization of downside risk, and effective use of human and capital resources.

In the process of testing and evaluating, it is possible that additional strategic issues may emerge, requiring a loop

back to the development or refinement of further strategies to deal with the new issues.

PHASE THREE: THE STRATEGIC PLAN

The third and final phase of the planning process culminates in a plan that is both comprehensive and workable. Of primary importance in this phase is communicating to all those concerned with its implementation the philosophy and details of the strategic decision. Responsibility must be delegated to those expected to carry out the strategy. Because many of these individuals may already have participated in the strategy's development, their commitment should instill confidence in the selected strategy among their colleagues.

Development of Business Plans

A series of detailed business plans transforms the strategy from the abstract to the concrete. Normally integral parts of formal planning documents (such as five-year and annual plans), these plans include the following:

The <u>Sales Plan</u> identifies and prioritizes specific customer needs and, where applicable, the particular customers or market segments where sales efforts should be focused.

The <u>Competitive Plan</u> states assumptions about the competition's behavior and develops the specific actions the organization should take to neutralize any competitive activity that could damage the strategic plan.

The <u>Operations/Service Plan</u> details how the organization will carry out its strategy in terms of vessel and land-based operations in order to meet the strategy's timetable.

The <u>Financial Plan</u> develops short-term financial details that are used to develop budgets and financial controls.

The <u>Organizational/Personnel Development Plan</u> structures the organization to meet the demands of the strategic plan and allocates human resources in order to best carry out the strategy.

The <u>Corporate Development Plan</u> synchronizes the needs and contributions of the barge line with those of the rest of corporation's divisions.

Each business plan can be taken to the appropriate level of detail required to formulate one-year plans and budgets. This final critical step carries the objectives and broad detail of the strategic plan through to the implementation stage.

Monitoring Performance

Along with the strategic plan and its offshoots (the business plans), several yardsticks gauge progress. Should the environment alter so that the original strategic plan becomes unworkable, the yardsticks provide an early indication of any major differences between plan and reality. Such an indication will send the planner back to the appropriate point in the planning process to deal with the new issue.

CONCLUSION

The essence of strategic planning is the process of planning, not the plan. A formalized system as we have described is needed to guide and stimulate the process of strategic planning. In the end, the plan is the product of a series of assumptions about the future, some of which are bound to prove inaccurate. The dynamic process of planning is critical to directing the enterprise through the future's uncertainties.

A strategic planning system offers tremendous decision-making assistance to the managers of a barge line. The principal assets of such a system include: the greater depth and perspective it adds to a company's understanding of the environment; the increased communication it creates between people within the company in the expression of objectives, the sensing of needs, and the development of strategies; and, finally, the coordination of all the company's resources into a consensus-based strategy to position the company to prosper in the future.

II. INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

Information fuels the strategic planning process. Without accurate and planning-oriented data, the planning process deteriorates to groping in the dark, using just intuition and hearsay. Especially for the analysis of the firm's environments conducted in Phase I, planners should collect data regularly and systematically.

TYPES OF INFORMATION

The strategic planner's information needs are many and varied, but generally fall into the following categories:

- Information on the industry in which the company operates. This information can provide insights into the successes and failures of similar barge lines, the factors behind such events, and major trends on an industrywide basis. Such knowledge can prove useful in determining the market value of firms in the industry and associated problems of capital formation.
- Financial and operational data on the company itself.

 This information can be used to compare the company's performance to industry yardsticks and help determine the company's unique strengths and weaknesses.
- Environmental information on the applicable laws and regulations, waterway characteristics, new technology, and availability of resources.
- Finally, and of central importance to the identification of future areas of opportunity and threat, information on the supply and demand aspects of the markets in which the company competes or may in the future compete. Essentially, this entails a knowledge of the company's competitors and customers.

Although we will generally deal with these various database areas separately, it must be noted that during the strategic planning process the areas cannot always be analyzed separately but instead must be integrated and synthesized. Because they are interrelated, one must understand how these parts fit the whole in order to project the firm's future environment.

STRATEGIC INFORMATION DATABASE

Figure II-l provides a summary of the suggested major components of a strategic information database. The means of storing these data may range from collecting hard-copy annual reports or press clippings on competitors to computerizing trade and market-share data. Maintaining such an information base plays a useful function both in regular strategic planning and in crises, when solid, timely, and easily accessible data may be critical to on-the-spot decision making.

The following chapters describe the specific means of storing, retrieving, and analyzing the data. These sections cover the various components of the strategic analysis of a company and the environments in which it operates.

Appendix A is an annotated bibliography that describes a number of governmental and private information sources that are available to the public. References are arranged according to the following topics:

- Commodity flow statistics
- Shipper industry data
- Government studies
- Terminals
- Equipment
- Costs
- Competitors
- Economic factors
- Information sources

CORPS OF ENGINEERS DATA

The Waterborne Commerce Statistics, prepared by the CofE, Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center (WCSC), provide the most consistent, accurate, and meaningful source of historical inland waterways transportation data. Waterborne Commerce of the United

Figure II-1

MAJOR COMPONENTS OF A STRATEGIC INFORMATION BASE FOR THE BARGE OPERATOR

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Required Data	Potential Data Source
Industry Data	
Financial and operating data on other barge operators.	Annual reports; SEC Form 10-K; business press.
Current information on competitors, including:	Business/industry publications; MarAd data; Corps of Engineers statistics; contacts with customers and suppliers.
Fleet configuration, capacity, and use	currences with customers and supplies.
New buildings	
Market share	
Intelligence on potential strategic moves	
Ownership, management	
Company Data	
Detailed operations and financial data on own company, including:	Internal management accounts and reporting systems.
— Tons and ton-miles carried by river and commodity	
—Tons and revenue of movements between origin/destination pairs by commodity	
—Customer revenues and tons by river and commodity	
Equipment acquisition and operating costs	
Terminal operating costs	
Towing capacity and use	
-Barge capacity and use	
Outside towing expense	
Overhead expenses	

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-Financial statements

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MAJOR COMPONENTS OF A STRATEGIC INFORMATION BASE FOR THE BARGE OPERATOR

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Required Data	Potential Data Source
Other Environmental Data	
Current information on political and economic conditions affecting present and potential markets. Particular factors to focus on: Regulatory policies	Newspapers, newsletters, and other publications; econometric forecasting organizations (Chase, DRI, Wharton); analyses by banks; local agents/representatives, government officals.
Changes in the waterway system	
Other mode activities	
Physical characteristics of the waterway system.	Corps of Engineers; U.S. Coast Guard; waterway development associations; State transportation agencies; industry press.
Developments in technology likely to affect the industry.	Technical journals; shipyards; industry press.
Information on suppliers of critical goods and services:	
Labor costs and availability	Labor contacts; oil company fuel projections; industry publications;
Fuel costs and availability	economic projections for capital equipment costs; banking publications.
Capital equipment cost and availability	
Capital availability	
Activities of competing modes of transportation:	Annual reports; SEC Form 10-K; business press; shippers.
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Services offered	
Trends in traffic	
Planned changes	

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Potential Data Source

Corps of Engineers

Maritime Administration

Department of Agriculture

Department of Energy

Department of Energy

St. Louis Merchants Exchange

Waterways Freight Bureau, parge line tariffs

DRI; Chase; Wherton

Market research

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Unfortunately, some of th codes of the CofE have mixed p

example, fertilizer and fertilizer materials are reported by the CofE in the following categories:

1471 Phosphate rock

1479 Natural fertilizer materials, n.e.c.

2871 Nitrogenous chemical fertilizers, except mixtures

2872 Potassic chemical fertilizers, except mixtures

2873 Phosphatic chemical fertilizers, except mixtures

2879 Fertilizers and fertilizer materials, n.e.c.

3271 Lime

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In addition, fertilizer movements are often reported by barge operators to the CofE as chemicals and are then included in the following categories:

2819 Basic chemicals and basic chemical products, n.e.c.

2891 Miscellaneous chemical products

It is difficult to relate barge types to commodity classifications. For example, nitrogenous chemical fertilizers include both urea, which is carried in covered hopper barges, and anhydrous ammonia, which is carried in temperature controlled tank barges. It is impossible to identify which of the many types of chemicals were carried as dry or liquid bulk cargoes.

While these inaccuracies exist when using the CofE data as a basis for forecasting demand for services of specific barge types, approximations are quite useful and have been used to develop the forecasts shown below.

III. INDUSTRY AND COMPETITOR ANALYSIS

This chapter focuses on two important steps that occur early in the planning process: analyzing the barge and towing industry in which the company competes and analyzing the major strengths and weaknesses of the company's competitors.

INDUSTRY ANALYSIS

As suggested in the Chapter I discussion of the general framework for strategic planning, a knowledge of the industry as a whole is valuable in gaining insights into a particular company's strengths and weaknesses. Not only can the planner measure the company's relative performance, but he can also identify the factors underlying both the success of the industry leaders and the failure of weaker firms.

Barge and Towing Industry

There is a limited amount of publicly available data on individual companies in the industry. Since many barge lines are privately held, they do not publicly disclose annual reports. And because most publicly held barge lines are small parts of large diversified companies, data on the barge line are often reported in a service or product group such as "transportation" so that the barge line information can't be singled out.

Information on the industry as a whole is equally scarce. However, one useful resource is the annual study of financial statements performed by Robert Morris Associates, which uses data provided by banks. In recent years, 50-70 barge line companies have been reported. The information about assets, liabilities, and income, and the calculations of financial ratios are useful for understanding the following:

- The inland barge industry's overall financial performance
- Comparison between the barge and towing industry and other transportation modes
- Comparison between the planner's company and the industry as a whole

In addition to Robert Morris Associates' annual studies, similar data are available from Dun and Bradstreet.

Total Industry Analysis

The industry's financial performance for the years 1979-1983 is shown in Figure III-1. Assets and liabilities are shown as percentages of totals and classified as current or non-current. Income and expense data are shown as percentages of sales. Note the relative increases in operating and other expenses in the 1981 to 1983 period and the concurrent decreases in operating profit and pre-tax profit. The financial ratios are presented in the form of ranges and mean values.

Inter-Industry Analysis

In addition to examining the barge and towing industry as a whole, it is useful to compare the inland transportation system to other modes such as railroads, motor carriers, and pipelines.

In analyzing the barge industry, a critical issue is its ability to attract capital in the future. The question is important both from the perspective of the individual company (its ability to attract the capital needed to meet its growth and asset-replacement requirements) and that of the whole industry (its ability to support additional capacity needs). This issue cannot be addressed without comparing the performance of the inland barge industry with that of the other U.S. transportation industries. In addition to the previously noted resources on the barge industry, Moody's Transportation Manual and TRINC's Blue Book of the Trucking Industry provide data on U.S. rail, air, and road carriers. Figure III-2 provides a time series of data that can be compared to that of the barge industry, as in Figure III-3. It is important to note that the financial analyses of railroads and trucking companies are based on Interstate Commerce Commission accounting methods which can result in understatements of financial ratios such as Return on Equity.

COMPETITOR ANALYSIS

As a starting point, the planner should identify competitors and collect enough detail on their operations to permit a thorough analysis of their strengths, weaknesses, and current strategies. Although the competition generally comes from other forhire barge operators, the concept of competition must be broad

Figure III-1 INLAND BARGE INDUSTRY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE 1 (percent)

	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
Assets					
Cash	6.9	9.6	7.8	7.5	6.2
Accounts and Notes Receivable	18.0	15.4	19.1	16.0	11.5
Inventory	2.6	4.5	3.9	4.6	2.5
All Other Current	3.4	1.9	2.3	2.2	1.0
Total Current	31.0	31.5	33.0	30.3	21.2
Fixed Assets (net)	58.5	54.5	55.6	61.6	67.1
Intangibles (net)	0.2	1.4	0.4	0.5	0.6
All Other Non-Current	10.3	12.7	11.0	7.6	11.0
Total Non-Current	69.0	68.5	67.0	69.7	78.8
Total Current and Non-Current	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Liabilities					į į
Notes Payable Short Term	3.9	6.2	5.9	7.4	6.0
Current MatLTD	7.1	5.0	5.7	9.8	4.6
Accounts and Notes Payable	12.3	9.2	13.5	9.8	6.2
Accrued Expenses	3.0	3.8	2.8	3.3	2.6
All Other Current	4.9	7.1	7.3	5.0	3.8
Total Current	31.2	31.4	35.2	31.3	23.3
Long-Term Debt	36.2	32.5	35.0	37.5	40.3
All Other Non-Current	2.7	4.9	2.6	4.6	5.5
Net Worth	29.9	31.2	27.2	26.6	30.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Income Data					
Net Sales	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Operating Expenses	82.8	80.9	85.2	89.2	87.7
Operating Profit	17.2	19.1	14.8	10.8	12.3
All Other Expenses	4.5	4.8	6.0	7.6	9.4
Profit Before Taxes	12.7	14.3	8.8	3.2	2.9

¹Source: Robert Morris Associates' <u>Annual Statement Studies</u>.

Figure III-2

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

U.S. INLAND TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRIES

1976-1981

(dollars in millions)

	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981
Inland Barge Lines ¹						
Revenue	\$900.3	\$999.7	\$1,163.0	\$1,288.6	\$1,487.9	\$1,691.6
Net Income	\$29.6	\$27.1	\$24.6	\$40.6	\$48.9	\$57.5
Total Assets	\$857.4	\$833.1	\$1,047.7	\$1,160.9	\$1,062.8	\$1,691.6
Stockholders' Equity	\$327.1	\$260.6	\$187.1	\$259.4	\$284.3	\$422.9
Profit Margin	3.3%	2.7%	2.1%	3.2%	3.3%	3.4%
ROA	3.5%	3.3%	2.4%	3.5%	4.6%	3.4%
ROE	9.1%	10.9%	13.2%	15.7%	17.2%	13.6%
Class 1 Railroads ²						-
Revenue	\$18.836.7	\$20.429.9	\$21,721.3	\$25,219.1	\$28,102.9	\$30,733.9
Net Income	\$(111.6)	\$227.1	\$306.8	\$938.3	\$1,191.4	\$2,204.5
Total Assets	\$36.029.8	\$38,377.9	\$38.895.2	\$41.830.6	\$45,888.6	\$48.819.8
Stockholders' Equity	\$15,183.7	\$15,920.9	\$16,182.8	\$17,796.1	\$19,860.0	\$21,725.1
Profit Margin	(0.5)%	1.1%	1.4%	3.7%	4.2%	7.2%
ROA	(0.3)%	0.6%	0.8%	2.2%	2.6%	4.5%
ROE	(0.7)%	1.4%	1.9%	5.3%	6.0%	11.1%
Intercity Motor						
Carriers			į .		1	
Revenue	\$13,208.8	\$13,777.94	\$18,328.4	\$16,384.1	\$16,716.5	\$18,092.2
Net Income	\$364.9	\$462.8	\$594.6	\$359.4	\$149.5	\$393.5
Total Assets	\$6,028.4	\$6,385.2	\$8,006.9	\$7,490.9	\$7,307.0	\$7,595.0
Stockholders' Equity	\$2,821.3	\$3,020.9	\$3,573.6	\$3,283.7	\$3,004.1	\$3,234.6
Profit Margin	2.8%	3.4%	3.2%	2.2%	0.9%	2.2%
ROA	6.1%	7.2%	7.4%	4.8%	2.0%	5.2%
ROE	12.9%	15.3%	16.6%	10.9%	5.0%	12.2%

1Source: TBS analysis of Robert Morris Associates' Annual Statistical Studies (SIC 4441).
2Source: Moody's Transportation Manual.
3Source: ATA Financial Analysis of the Motor Carrier Industry (Group A, B, & C).

Figure III-3

COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL RATIO ANALYSIS

U.S. INLAND BARGE INDUSTRY VERSUS OTHER U.S. INLAND TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRIES

(percent)

	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981
Return on Assets						
Barge Lines	3.5	3.3	2.4	3.5	4.6	3.4
Railroads	(0.3)	0.6	0.8	2.2	2.6	4.5
Motor Carriers	6.1	7.2	7.4	4.8	2.0	5.2
Return on Equity	1		ĺ		İ	ł
Barge Lines	9.1	0.4	13.2	15.7	17.2	13.6
Railroads	(0.7)	1.4	1.9	5.3	6.0	11.1
Motor Carriers	12.9	9.3	16.6	10.9	5.0	12.2
Profit Mergin	1		1		}	İ
Barge Lines	3.3	2.7	2.1%	3.2%	3.3	3.4
Railroads	(0.6)	1.1	1.4	3.7	4.2	7.2
Motor Carriers	2.8	3,4	3.2	2.2	0.9	2.2

Source: Figure III-2.

enough to include all existing and potential sources of competition, for example, private barge operators, railroads, and pipelines. The planner should be particularly aware of the threat from potential private competitors—shippers that are presently served by barge lines but may begin private barging of their own traffic and offering available equipment for hire to other shippers.

Once the scope of the competition has been determined, the strategic planner should seek to understand the historical competitive behavior in order to make an overall assessment of the nature of the competition. A database should be developed for each competitor, using such historical data as the following:

- Competitors' financial data such as revenues, assets, short-term and long-term debt
- Ownership and corporate structure of competitors
- Fleet profile by competitor: the total number of barges and towboats, by capacity, type, and use for both the entire river system and the planner's firm's direct competition
- Market activity: the major commodities carried, rivers served, important origin/destination pairs, and key shippers served
- Share of available barge capacity
- Other services offered, such as terminals, fleets, and repairs
- Relationships with other barge lines and vendors

In general, because of the sketchy information available about inland barge operators, it is difficult to assemble a complete picture of competitors' finances. However, it is possible with some effort to collect information about competitors' equipment availability and use active markets (by commodities carried and rivers served), and corporate organization and management styles.

Some of this information is available from governmental sources, such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Sometimes, individual companies provide information in their annual reports, promotional literature, and press releases to trade journals. Other intelligence can be collected within the planner's own company from competitors' former employees, shipper contacts, and

the operating personnel's observations of competitors' tows, fleets, switchings, loadings, and unloadings.

Although much of this information may be floating around the planner's company, it must be assembled and reviewed methodically to provide useful market information and an understanding of competitors' past and future activities.

The figures that follow illustrate examples of information on competitors. Figure III-4 shows TBS's estimates of 1982 revenues and numbers of employees for 25 large barge lines, which used publicly available data and estimates. Appendix D shows the capabilities of 30 large barge lines by identifying their types of equipment, terminals, building and repair facilities, other services offered, and fleet locations.

Major covered hopper fleets are listed in Figure III-5 for 26 barge operators by number of barges, capacity, and average year built. The data are plotted in Figure III-6 to give a visual representation of the barge capacities. Similar information for open hopper barge fleets of 20 companies is listed in Figure III-7 and depicted graphically in Figure III-8.

This information helps the strategic planner gain insight into several aspects of each competitor's behavior so that the following questions may be answered:

- What are the capabilities of the major competitors?
- What are their operating strategies?
- What are their strengths and weaknesses with respect to market coverage and carriage of key commodities on specific rivers?
- What has changed over time?

There are also numerous qualitative issues. Each competitor's fleet profile can help answer the questions below:

- What are the capabilities and financial shape of the competitor's fleet?
- Does the competitor's fleet tend to specialize?
- Does it employ significant scale economies?
- What is its relative market position?

Figure III-4

BARGE LINE 1982 REVENUES AND EMPLOYEE COUNT 1

Parent Company	Company	<pre>\$ Revenue (millions)</pre>	Employees
IGI	American Commercial Barge	441	1,200
EGF A	Midland	151	1,400
Dravo	Dravo Mechling	67	600
CLC	Wisconsin Barge Line	67	600
1CB	Twin City Barge	60	400
Kirby	Dixie Carriers	59	400
HNG	Federal Barge Line	59	500
Agri-Trans	Agri-Trans	57	400
Chromalloy	Valley Line	52	800
Crounse	Crounse	36	400
U.S. Steel	Ohio Barge Line	36	400
	Consolidated Grain & Barge	26	700
	Sioux City New Orleans	26	200
Nicor	National Marine Service	26	400
U.S. Steel	Warrior & Gulf Navigation	21	700
Į	Houston Barge Lines Inc.	14	300
Hines	Hines Inc.	10	100
Igert	Igert	10	100
logram	Ingram	10	100
Exxon	Exxon Inland	8	300
<u>{</u>	Walker Towing	7	100
j	Choctaw Towing	5	100
[Gladders	5	100
	Chemical Towing	4	100
	Waxler Towing	4	100

¹IBS analysis.

Figure 111-5 Major Coverd Hopper Barge Fleets 1982

1792 Fleets of More Than 100 Berges

(short ton capacity in thousands)

Agricultural (Private and For Hire)	(Private	and for h	tire)	Majo	Major Common Carriers	Carriers			Independent s	ıt 0	
	ē.	Tons Capacity	Average Yr. Built		No.	Tons Capacity	Average Yr. Built		No.	Tons Capacity	Average Yr. Built
Agri Irans	458	678	70	ACBL	753	1,106	11	Alter	141	210	7.5
ARICO .	211	946	75	Valley	1,226	1,811	72	Arrow	122	177	7
Bunge	414	909	89	Dravo-Mechling	909	889	20	Gladders	198	295	8
Cargo Carriera	262	4 30	72	Federal	695	1,038	72	M. Barge	249	375	79
Congre	328	684	75	0380	127	182	7.	DOMENICO	89%	546	11
Consolidated	7.88	1,092	76	Riverway	458	675	69	Mid-America	122	111	3
Conticarriers	382	858	7.8	SCND	403	109	۳,	Port City	151	218	11
Fer River	176	292	74				_	River Line	97	139	78
Pillabury	112	314	11					108	203	294	74
							_	Waterway I&I	174	152	18
								Wisconsin	699	848	72
Subtotal	3,576	5,274	74	Subtotal	4,270	6,302	11	Subtotal	2,394	1,531	36
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Source: 185 analysis.

Figure III-6
FLEET SIZE AGE DISTRIBUTION
INLAND COVERED HOPPER BARGE FLEET

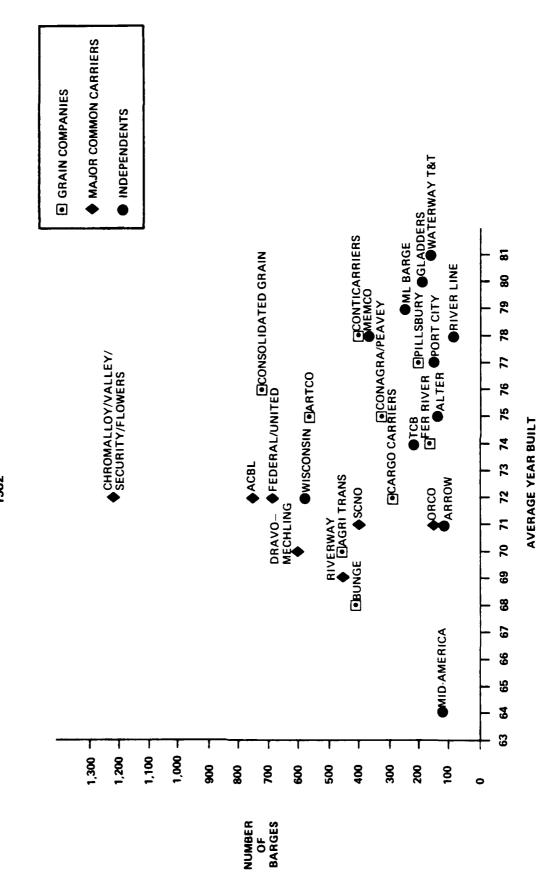


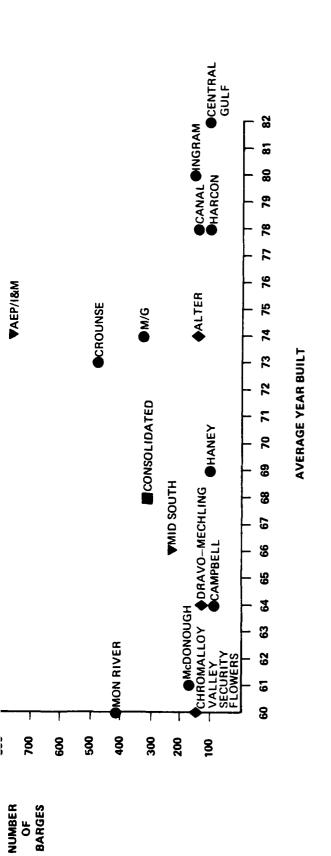
Figure 111-7 MAJOR OPEN HOPPER BARGE FLEETS 1982

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fleets of More Than 100 Barges (short ton capacity in thousands)

Coel	Coal Producers			Utilities		:		Steel C	Steel Companies		Major Com	Major Common Carriera			Independents	ents	
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Average Ber	Average Berge Sizes 1,000 lons	.000 Torm	Average	Average Barge Size: 1,352 lons	28: 1,35	2 Tone	Ave	rage Ban	Average Barge Size: 938 fons	M fone	Average B	Average Barge Size: 1,586 lons	1,586 lons	Average	e Barge	Average Barge Size: 1,408 Tons	DB Tons
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Source: IBS analysis.



- What is its relative siz
- On what bases does it tr time, frequency of barge handling capabilities, s
- Does it possess signific integration?
- Is it well managed? What
- What improvements should
- If a competitor is a sub what is its relationship cant resources available is it likely to play in parent?

Because of their regular cont sales personnel can provide good i and behavior. Appendix E contains market survey that may prove usefu comparing a company's services wit

IV. MARKET ANALYSIS

In the context of strategic planning, the aim of market analysis is to develop an understanding of the factors underlying the demand for transportation services within specific market areas in order that a soundly based projection of demand may be made several years into the future. Because of the complex nature of waterborne commerce, this is not an easy task. However, based on several years of experience in market analysis and forecasting, we have set out below the elements of one representative methodology that first identifies the key factors influencing the traffic on the waterways and then, projecting those factors, produces a forecast of waterborne commerce. The projected demand for barge services, in turn, is derived from the projected demand for barge cargoes.

THE NEED FOR FORECASTING MARKETS

All industries rely on forecasts to guide their decision-making process. Implicitly or explicitly, managers accept certain basic operating conditions as the foundation on which their long term, annual, seasonal, and daily plans and directions are made. The implicit use of forecasting can, by default, rely on a continuation of the prevailing market and industry trends. These forecasts may include increasing, decreasing, or stable trends in demand and supply for services. Explicit reliance on forecasting can be as basic in concept as managements acceptance that the economy or an industry's level of activity will change by some percentage on a year to year, or more frequent, basis.

The nature of inland waterways transportation makes the use of forecasts critical for both tactical and strategic decision-making. This is in large part due to the industry's role in transporting basic, raw, and semi-finished commodities whose values fluctuate on a daily and seasonally in response to major national and international market forces. For this reason, carriers have learned to make decisions based on seasonal assumptions of freight rates, cargo availability, operating conditions, costs, and competitive behavior. They have also explicitly or implicitly used forecasts to support decisions to acquire or commit for long term utilization of marine equipment.

The inland waterways industry's reliance on forecasts is comparable to the ocean marine industry's reliance on forecasts

with one major exception. The more diverse and international ocean bulk marine transportation industry has fostered a variety of information sources such as magazines, broker services, and economic projections of ocean trade. Since the current depression of the international bulk markets began, the number and importance of these forecasts has increased. By contrast, the inland waterways industry has tended to rely on sporadic forecasts that have been funded in whole or in part by government agencies. The forecasts made for this manual are included in this category. The industry has thus far not found it necessary to develop a public forum to discuss and present forecasts on a regular and consistent basis through commercial initiatives or a deliberate industry program.

It has been the practice of major inland carriers to perform some forecasting as part of their corporate planning responsibilities. However, these forecasts remain confidential and have not been widely disclosed to the industry. Since the forecasts can be an important competitive tool, there are many reasons to keep them confidential. On the other hand, forecasts can serve as important indicators for the industry to confront and discuss the key issues of supply and demand that will impact the profitability of the industry as a whole. It is hoped that in the prevailing market environment the analysis of supply and demand by carriers in industry forums will be more and more frequent and that the quality of these forecasts will thus improve.

MARKET DEFINITION

The first step is to define the markets that barge operators serve. Markets are defined by the geographical areas served and the commodities carried. An alternative method for definition could be by geographical areas and barge types used. This approach is more useful for operational planning than for market analysis because it can mask the driving factors that affect the demand for barge services for each commodity. The preferred approach is to deal with commodities and then aggregate them into commodity categories that match equipment needs such as covered dry bulk, open dry bulk, clean petroleum products, dirty petroleum products, deck cargoes, and special loads such as oversize and overweight, temperature-controlled, or pressure-controlled.

However, too much refinement of the commodity types will lead to too many classifications, which will be more difficult to manage. Each company must decide for itself how to classify its own traffic to provide meaningful categories that are detailed enough but also manageable. A barge operator that specializes in

clean petroleum products and chemicals may desire to use very specific chemical types to keep track of and make forecasts of those cargoes. A large multi-service operator may consider all of the chemicals as one market segment.

The geographical areas where the barges are loaded and discharged are also part of the definition of markets. Coal that originates and terminates on the Ohio River or its tributaries is certainly not in the same market as coal that originates in that area but is delivered to a utility on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway.

The analyst must not lose sight of the true origins and destinations of these commodities in the analysis of market demand. To do so would prevent complete understanding of the factors that determine why the cargoes move over the waterways. It is important to consider the ultimate origins and destinations to see what are the underlying causes for historical and future demands in transportation of the commodity. In addition, alternative modes of transportation may be available closer to the origin or destination of the movement. For example, knowledge of inland rail terminals and rail rates is important for the understanding of barge lines' competitors for movements of Illinois corn to export terminals at the Gulf of Mexico. On the other hand, knowledge of Far East destinations along with rail and ship rates is useful to understand the westward movements of grain by railroad out of Nebraska instead of southward by barge on the Missouri River.

Finally, the analyst should limit forecasting activities to that portion of the overall market that the company can actively serve.

METHODOLOGY SELECTION

The methodology for developing forecasts of industry demand for barge transportation should be accurate, useful, and easily produced. Each of these characteristics is discussed below.

Accuracy

It is impossible to develop exact forecasts of future cargo demand for inland waterway transportation. Contrary to the popular conception of forecasts, they do not, and should not be expected to, portray the future precisely. Their primary purpose is to preserve for future review a company's best thinking about those conditions in the future that can affect its performance

and its operating environment. In this way the decisions made by some managers can be understood by all and the insight that is gained by managers over time can be used to enhance the operating strategy and tactics of the company. There is a strong need to have an explicit record of what the company expects in the future when important decisions such as long term investments in equipment are made.

It is possible, however, to develop a forecasting methodology that will identify directions and turning points in trends for demand. No forecasting methodology can anticipate any critical disruptions in demand that are caused by recession, natural disaster, or sudden market shifts due to, for example, an oil import or grain export embargo. The goal of the methodology described herein is to provide a reasonably accurate advance warning of the future impacts of current events and policies that will affect the demand for barge transportation.

Useful Format

The forecasts should be in a form that is useful to the barge line executive when he is making short- and long-term decisions concerning marketing and sales efforts as well as equipment decisions on acquisitions, maintenance, deployments, scheduling, and disposals. This means that the forecasts should focus on the specific waterways and commodity types that the company desires to serve.

The most useful forecasts are those that can be related readily and directly to the current and historical market. This permits forecast users to relate the predicted future trends to past conditions in as meaningful a way as possible. The close relationship of historical data and forecast data also permits users to corroborate, evaluate, and calibrate changes in outlooks with the greatest confidence.

Ease of Production

Ease in producing the forecasts is important if the methodology is to become a practical tool for decision making. Forecasting methodologies should be easy enough so that an employee with a bachelors degree in engineering or accounting can maintain the system. However, ease of operation requires that a tradeoff be made with accuracy. The more sophisticated traffic forecasts that have been developed in the past by government agencies or consultants have used various forms of regression analysis. Use of this type of econometric technique generally requires a level of knowledge that is obtained from graduate degree programs. This capability is infrequently available in an inland barge company.

The methodologies used in these forecasts of river traffic relates economic forecasts to historical parameters that are derived from past traffic levels. A number of economic forecasting firms such as Data Resources, Inc. (DRI), Chase Econometrics, Inc., and Wharton Econometric Forecasting Association, Inc., provide general and industry-specific time series of production and price information on a consistent basis to the public. Using these resources, barge industry managers can relate their industry to the best thinking and effort of economists who are concerned with broad economic trends that directly and indirectly affect the inland industry. Barge industry managers can concentrate on that which they know best and can rely on the cumulative expertise and continuous involvement of economists in the forecasting of national, international, and industrial trends. Wherever there are specific commodities that are particularly important to a carrier, these forecasts can be modified to reflect other available information about those commodities.

It is important that carriers recognize that their specific businesses are driven by specific customer, industrial, competitive, regional, and regulatory issues. In order to perform as well as possible, management should take the time to plan and explore the major trends and factors that affect their business. For example, carriers engaged in the transportation of grain must work hard to identify those issues that most affect their business, their customers, and their competitors and should attempt to find information that bears out their general knowledge of the marketplace. In this way the quality of long-term decision-making can enhance short-term performance. Without this information the quality of short-term performance will be driven only by short-term knowledge.

THE BASIS FOR FORECASTING

Inland waterways forecasts should be performed in a way that is efficient for managers to operate. Its users should guide its development. The first use of a forecast is to identify the most fundamental industry conditions that will prevail. For more than a decade a valuable forecast would have predicted dramatic growth in grain cargoes and stagnation in the petroleum liquid cargo trades. It would have helped identify gradual long-term growth in coal exports.

The fundamental challenge in forecasting is to predict the behavior of those indicators that are most important to a specific manager. In the case of inland waterways traffic, the key needs are the prediction of tons and ton-miles for the commodities that drive overall industry conditions and the specific

commodities of concern to an individual carrier. The prediction of trade is most often accurately explained by trends in broader industrial indicators that depend on or use to some degree inland waterways transportation. Because grain, coal, aggregates, and petroleum are by far the main bulk of inland waterway traffic, the planner can rely on their performance to forecast industry trends. He can then predict the behavior of other commodities by tagging their performance to the major commodities.

The most pressing question facing managers today is: when can managers expect conditions to support an increase in rates, revenues, and contribution to fixed costs? In order to do this, forecasts of tons must be translated into forecasts of ton-miles.

Ton-miles serve as the industry's basic measurement of transportation demand. Ton-miles more closely describe barge demand than any other readily available measure. Tons of traffic reflect the economic and industrial conditions of shippers and consignees. To calculate ton-miles from tons, average lengths of haul must be determined and multiplied by the tonnage. This data can be developed from public sources and our forecasts demonstrate how this can be done.

To the extent that the nature of various trades remains relatively constant, and for short periods of time and small variations in tonnage, tons can serve as a useful indicator of transportation demand. However, if growth or decline in a trade is based on significant swings in the amount of cargo traffic that differ widely from the average, these swings should be recognized. For example, the high levels of coal exports from upriver terminals to Baton Rouge and New Orleans represent a very different kind of coal trade than the relatively short-haul coal movements that serve Ohio River utilities. For this reason, a forecast of sharp decreases or increases in export coal tonnage should carry with it a corresponding recognition that this is a very large change in transportation demand as measured in ton-Similarly, a forecaster might predict that a dramatic increase in soybean exports, which tend to load at the Lower River terminals, will account for the majority of grain traffic growth. This will result in relatively fewer additional tonmiles than the increases that would be derived from a similar amount of wheat from river terminals that are located much further north.

In some cases the historical relationship between industry trends and inland waterways traffic will be close. When this occurs there is a strong suggestion that the factors of commodity substitution and modal shifts between barge, rail, pipeline, truck or alternative ports are minimal and that the inland industry experiences in a direct way the trends of the shipping indus-

try. In other cases the industry trends and the waterways traffic levels diverge or have changed in time. When this occurs the analyst must recognize that that creates a strong suggestion that additional factors such as substitution, modal shifts, or alternative routing are at play and will significantly affect the future demand for inland waterways transportation in ways that do not directly parallel the industry's prospects.

An inland waterways forecaster must also use his industry intelligence to recognize discreet one-time changes in traffic that can result from the completion of new industrial projects or events of a legislative or regulatory nature that alter trade levels dramatically in a very short period. Specific examples of events and trends that affect the inland barge industry are identified below:

- The completion of coal-fired electric utility plants in the Florida panhandle and Tampa areas that rely on barge-delivered coal.
- The deregulation of U.S. crude oil prices which altered the production, trading, and import patterns for many Gulf Coast refiners and contributed to the elimination of many small entitlement refiners.
- The prospect of imports of Columbian coal to coastal utilities, such as those located in Florida.
- The completion of petroleum products pipelines that reduce the refiners' reliance on the barge system.
- Crude oil price deregulation in residual oil refining, which has reduced the amount of black oil produced in the lower Mississippi River refining area and therefore its transportation requirements on the river system.

FORECAST STRUCTURE

The relationships between historical and future industry trends and historical and future inland waterways traffic can be reviewed in several ways. These range from sophisticated and rigorous mathematical regressions of one trend against the other to a graphical review of these indicators and qualitative decisions as to their future trends. For the purposes of this forecast, a simple, mathematical relationship. The mathematical relationship between the indicator and the traffic level that is identified by dividing traffic level in tons by the indicator in

an appropriate index was used because it is simple, does not require significant investments in software and interpretation time by managers, and provides reasonably accurate assessments and indications of trade/industry relationships. For many commodities in this forecast, the actual mathematical relationships along with the trade levels and industry indicators are presented. In this way, analysts who review these forecasts should be able to understand the trends and processes used to develop these forecasts.

The forecast that has been prepared for this study is divided into ten major commodity groups. These groups have been designed to provide analysts with insights into the developments in the major forehaul and backhaul dry bulk, liquid bulk, and general cargo commodities. To the maximum extent possible, these commodity groups have been assembled in a way that grouped dry bulk, liquid bulk and general cargoes into separate categories. The commodity groups that have been developed are as follows:

- Major agricultural products--including corn, wheat, soybeans, prepared animal feeds, and grain mill products
- Coal
- Crude oil
- Clean petroleum products--including gasoline, jet fuel, distillate, kerosene, lube oils and greases, naptha, solvents, and liquified gases
- Dirty petroleum products--including residual oil, asphalt, tar and pitch, crude tar oil, and gases
- Construction materials--including cement, limestone, sand, stone, gravel, and crushed shell
- Major fertilizers--including phosphate rock, nitrogenous chemical fertilizers, fertilizers and materials, n.e.c., and lime
- Chemicals and aromatics--including sodium hydroxide, alcohol, benzine, toluene, basic chemicals, and products
- Waterway improvement materials
- All other commodities

These groupings are sufficiently detailed to provide an overview of industry prospects and focus attention on the key commodities that underly basic supply/demand balances.

TRAFFIC FORECASTS

Figure IV-1 provides an overview of historical and forecast traffic for the 1970-1990 period for the Mississippi River System. Historical data for the years 1970-1982 is provided by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterborne Commerce of the United States Statistics. The years 1983-1990 present forecasts prepared for the study using methodology that is discussed in detail below.

It can be seen in Figure IV-1 that historical traffic peaked in 1979 at 370.8 million short-tons and declined 6.3 percent by 1982. The forecast indicates that 1982 will represent the low point in Mississippi River System traffic. It will be followed by a period of slow growth toward traffic levels that will exceed the 1979 peak by 1986. Overall, a 12.6 percent growth is projected between the 1982 tonnage figure and the 1990 forecast of 391.4 million tons. The growth between the 1979 peak and 1990 forecast is 5.6 percent. This projected slow growth reflects the long-term limitations on the growth of agricultural and coal traffic based on forecasts of nationwide agricultural and coal exports. The grain forecast is based on an expected decrease of the barge share of total U.S. grain exports via Mississippi River ports to 42 percent in 1990. If the 1983 barge share of 50 percent is maintained through 1990, the total Mississippi River System tons will grow to 407.4 million tons.

This figure shows that growth is projected largely because of slight increases in coal, construction material, fertilizer, chemical, and miscellaneous commodity activity. Growth is likely to be broadly based, unlike the major increases in agricultural products and coal that characterized the 1970s. This forecast reflects the current conditions in world energy supply, the increasingly competitive international market due to the strong U.S. dollar, and continued foreign impediments to American commerce.

Figure IV-2 summarizes historical and forecast traffic for the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway. The table shows that traffic has generally fluctuated between 95 and 105 million tons between 1970 and 1982 having reached its high in 1972 at 108 million tons and its low in 1982 with 81 million tons. The forecast for the 1983 through 1990 period shows a relatively steady level of traffic

SUMMARY OF MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM TRAFFIC AND FORECAST Figure 1V-1

ALL COMMODITIES

(millions of short tons)

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	All Other Commodities	33.3	35.1	X.5	o.	17.1	33.5	39.1	33.0	35.9	35.8	35.5	35.9	17.12	31.0	55.7	17.1	£.5	40.4	43.0	41.1	
	Waterway Improvement Materials	6.8	8.2	7.7	9.2	11.8	8.5	7.4	6.9	9.2	7.9	5.8	4.4	4.7	6.0	0.9	6.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	
	Chemicals and Arometics ⁶	15.0	15.6	16.3	15.0	16.9	14.8	15.2	16.3	17.1	19.1	18.7	17.8	15.5	17.0	18.7	19.4	20.0	21.4	25.1	21.7	
	Major Fertilizers ⁵	3.9	4.5	6.5	5.9	6.5	6.2	0.9	7.0	7.1	7.6	4.8	7.3	6.5	6.3	6.7	7.3	7.7	9.5	8.7	6.8	
	Construction Materials ⁴	40.5	44.5	41.9	42.5	43.4	38.5	38.2	40.5	44.6	46.3	37.4	33.4	32.0	 	41.1	42.1	44.8	9.64	49.5	45.2	
	Dirty Petro Prod ³	10.4	13.4	14.6	16.0	17.1	18.7	22.3	24.4	28.1	27.0	23.9	21.8	20.5	17.4	17.4	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	
Petroleu	Clean Petro Prod ²	37.1	æ.	37.6	17.1	×.3	36.2	æ.s	40.9	37.7	35.8	35.9	33.9	31.6	31.2	31.4	31.5	31.4	31.4	31.4	31.4	
	Crude 011	25.8	29.5	29.3	25.1	19.1	21.6	21.1	18.8	20.5	17.6	15.0	13.8	14.0	13.2	12.7	12.0	11.4	10.8	10.3	9.6	
	Coal	102.0	2.3	108.7	104.1	106.4	115.7	116.4	117.6	106.0	121.4	123.0	150.6	121.2	118.9	122.1	121.6	123.0	124.0	125.0	126.0	
	Major Agricultural Products ¹	23.9	23.9	6.00	32.2	35.6	59.4	8.44	1.94	51.9	54.8	£.3	6,99	73.8	73.1	70.2	71.6	72.5	15.7	79.3	80.08	
	Mississippi River System	297.3	303.2	326.6	317.6	330.1	130.1	345.5	352.5	355.4	870.8	365.7	362.9	347.5	350.4	762.0	1,994	372.6	0.48	893.8	¥98.4	
	Year	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	9761	1977	1978	6161	096	1981	1982	19836	1984F	1985	1986f	1987	1988F	1989	•

Corn, wheat, soybeans, prepared animal feeds, grain mill products.

*Gesoline, jet fuel, distillate, kerosine, lube oils and greases, naptha and solvents, liquified gases.

*Residual oil, asphalt, tar & pitch, crude tar, oil & gases.

*Residual oil, asphalt, tar & pitch, crude tar, oil & gases.

*Creament, limenations, and, stone, gravel, shell.

*Phosphate rock, nitrogenous chemical fertilizers fertilizers and materials, lime.

*Sodium hydroxide, alcohol, benzene and toluene, basic chemicals and products.

*Grain forecast based on slow drop from current 50 percent of total U.5. grein exports at Mississippi River Gulf ports to 42 percent in 1990.

f = Forecasted

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterborne Commerce of the United States, Part 2.

Figure IV-2 SUMMARY OF GULF INTRACOASIAL WATERWAY IRAFFIC AND FORECASI

(millions of short tons)

1970 99.2 1971 105.2 1972 108.1 1974 100.1 1975 96.4 1976 96.5 1977 104.3 1979 98.6		Crude 011	Petroleum Products	Materials	Coke	Non-Metallic Minerals	Chemicals & Aromatics	Commodities
	1.9	31.8	20.2	15.3	•	4.9	9.2	15.6
	2.9	33.0	23.9	14.9	7.	4.8	9.1	16.2
	6.4	52.3	23.5	14.7	7.	5.0	10.6	16.7
	7.7	27.5	22.6	15.1	••	4.2	6.6	15.9
	4.9	25.2	25.6	13.7	۲.	6.4	5.4	22.6
	4.3	24.6	24.0	12.3	9.	4.7	9.7	10.2
	4.8	24.2	25.4	10.2	٠,5	5.0	10.8	15.6
	4.2	24.7	30.9	10.2	₩.	4.5	11.4	17.6
	4.0	22.9	28.9	9.6	.7	5.0	12.8	17.5
	5.0	20.0	33.3	8.0	Φ.	4.3	13.3	11.9
	5.1	17.5	29.8	8.4	1.2	4.2	12.0	15.9
	7.6	15.2	50.1	7.3	1.3	3.4	11.9	16.2
	4.0	15.6	29.6	9.9	1.0	4.0	10.0	9.6
	6.4	14.8	27.3	9.9	1.3	5.9	11.4	16.9
	4.8	15.6	27.5	6.3	1.3	4.0	12.5	17.8
	5.0	12.8	27.5	0.9	1.3	4.0	13.0	18.4
	5.1	12.0	27.5	5.7	1.3	4.0	13.4	18.8
	5.1	11.3	27.5	5.6	1.3	4.0	14.3	19.4
	5.2	10.5	27.5	5.3	1.3	4.0	15.5	20.0
	5.2	10.0	27.5	4.8	1.3	4.0	14.5	20.6
	5.5	4.6	27.5	4.7	1.3	0.4	14.0	21.2

F = Forecasted

Source: 11.5. Army Corps of Engineers Waterborne Commerce of the United States, Part 2.

below 90 million tons. Declines or stagnation in crude oil, petroleum products, construction materials, coke, minerals, and chemicals traffic will offset the slight growth in coal and all other commodities.

These forecasts of future traffic have been developed in terms of tons because the detailed data that is needed to generate the forecasts is recorded and published in tons by the Corps of Engineers.

Ton-miles are a more effective measure of demand because they are more closely related to the utilization of the towing equipment. The Corps of Engineers reports limited information about ton-miles statistics. In Part 5 of the annual Waterborne Commerce of the United States, ton-miles and average lengths of haul are shown for groupings of major commodities. These can be used to develop general measures of ton-miles from the detailed ton data described above. Figure IV-3 shows both historical and forecast average lengths of haul for major commodity groupings. The forecast is based on no major shifts in the lengths of haul during the 1980's. Note that the data are for internal traffic, which includes the Columbia/Snake River System and coastal rivers. This national average will slightly understate midwestern transit distances, but is a reasonable measure for the Mississippi River System and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway.

The ton data are then aggregated in Figure IV-4 into the same commodity group categories as the lengths of haul in Figure IV-3. The ton-mile products of these columns are displayed in Figure IV-5 to provide the historical and forecast traffic in terms of the ton-mile measure of utilization. The results of this methodology were compared with the total families reported by the Corps of Engineers during the period 1970 to 1982. The calculated totals each year were within three percent of the reported totals.

EQUIPMENT FORECASTS

Equally important for the understanding of the inland barge market is the need for information describing the supply of equipment. Historical information has been collected from the Corps of Engineers' Waterborne Commerce Statistical Center to tabulate the number and capacity of towboats and barges operating on the Mississippi River System and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway. Forecasts of fleet size and capacity were made through the 1980's. The data are presented in Figure IV-6.

IV-3

FORECAST GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY¹

l in miles)

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	Construction and Waterway Improvement Materials	Chemicals and Fertilizer	All Other Commodities
	69 72 73 72 76 71 83 92 109 121 124 109 106 110 110	704 712 670 658 695 721 719 733 729 723 721 720 705 720 720	514 539 520 487 515 511 532 540 578 567 610 573 591 580 580
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ludes Columbia/Snake River System and GIWW traffic.

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TRAFFIC A
MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM AN

(millions o

Year	Total Mississippi River System and GIWW	Major Agriculture Products	Coal and Coke	C & I P
1970	396.5	23.9	104.2	1
1971	408.4	23.9	100.0	1
1972	434.7	30.9	114.0	1
1973	417.7	32.2	109.0	1:
1974	433.1	35.6	112.0	1
1975	426.5	39.4	120.6	1.
1976	442.0	44.8	121.7	1:
1977	456.8	46.7	122.6	1.
1978	456.8	51.9	110.7	1
1979	469.4	54.8	127.2	1
1980	459.8	64.3	129.3	1:
1981	452.9	66.3	136.5	1
1982	428.1	73.8	126.2	1
1983F	437.5	73.1	125.1	11
1984F	449.8	70.2	128.2	11
1985F	454.1	71.6	127.9	1 1
1986F	460.4	72.5	129.4	'
1987F	472.5	75.7	130.4	'
1988F	483.2	79.3	131.5	'
1989F	476.3	80.8	132.5	į '
1190F	478.8	82.9	133.6	

F = Forecasted

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Waterborne

Figure IV-5

TRAFFIC AND FORECAST
MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM AND GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY

(billions of ton-miles)

Year	Total Mississipµi River System and GIWW	Major Agriculture Products	Coal and Coke	Crude Oil \$ Petroleum Products	Construction and Waterway Improvement Materials	Chemicals and Fertilizers	All Other Commodities
1970	138.6	26.1	26.5	35.8	4.5	19.8	25.9
1971	146.7	25.6	26.4	40.4	4.9	20.8	28.6
1972	161.6	34.6	32.1	39.3	4,7	22.4	28.5
1973	153.0	38.6	29.3	35.4	4.8	20.3	24.6
1974	167.8	42.0	31.4	36.0	5.2	20.0	33.2
1975	166.6	44.5	34.7	34.8	4.2	22.1	26.3
1976	177.7	49.9	33.6	36.7	4.6	23.0	29.9
1977	188.8	52.4	36.3	39.4	5.3	25.4	30.0
1978	195.2	57.3	33.3	38.5	6.9	27.0	32.2
1979	206.1	61.8	42.1	36.6	7.5	28.9	29.2
1980	217.6	72.0	45.6	32.8	6.4	28.2	32.6
1981	219.5	71.6	56.4	29.5	4.9	26.6	30.5
1982	204.6	78.1	47.2	27.6	4.6	22.6	24.5
1983F	211.6	80.4	43.8	27.0	5.4	25.0	30.0
1984F	215.4	77.2	44.9	26.7	5.9	27.3	33.4
1985F	219.0	78.8	44.8	26.3	6.0	28.6	34.5
1986F	222.2	79.8	45.3	25.9	6.2	29.6	35.4
1987F	229.7	83.3	45.6	25.6	6.6	31.6	37.0
1988F	238.2	87.2	46.0	25.3	6.7	34.1	38.9
1989F	237.1	88.9	46.4	25.0	6.2	32.5	38.1
1990F	238.9	91.2	46.8	24.7	6.3	31.8	38.1

Source: Figure IV-3 and IV-4.

Figure IV-6

TOWBOAT AND BARGE FLEET MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM AND GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY HISTORICAL AND FORECAST

		Towboats			Ory Cargo Barges	S		Tank Barges	
	Number of	Total	Average	Number of	Total Capacity	Average Capacity	Number of	Total Capacity	Average Capacity
Year	Vessels	Horsepower	Horsepower	Vessels	(short tons)	(short tons)	Vessels	(short tons)	(short tons)
1970A	2,344	2,305,305	983	13,318	14,863,812	1,116	2,581	4,753,480	1,842
1971A	2,427	2,548,578	1,050	13,985	15,934,718	1,139	2,788	5,591,111	2,005
1972A	2,293	2,654,112	1,157	14,904	17,293,167	1,160	2,697	5,841,980	2,166
1973A	2,332	2,848,674	1,222	15,765	18,583,511	1,178	2,751	5,653,353	2,055
1974A	2,404	3,226,545	1,342	17,345	21,031,652	1,212	2,903	6,117,768	2,107
1975A	2,541	3,574,850	1,407	18,049	22,255,050	1,233	2,979	6,295,236	2,113
1976E	2,578	3,739,951	1,451	18,709	23,270,565	1,244	3,042	6,646,957	2,185
19770	2,614	3,905,052	1,494	19,368	24,286,079	1,254	3,105	6,998,678	2,254
1978C	2,632	4,072,634	1,547	19,809	25,149,335	1,270	3,250	6,717,435	2,067
1979C	2,722	4,224,297	1,552	21,042	27,110,036	1,288	3,332	6,884,322	2,066
1980A	2,945	4,637,667	1,575	22,586	29,261,091	1,295	3,445	7,147,532	2,074
1981E	3,107	4,901,527	1,578	24,000	31,800,000	1,325	3,950	8,100,000	2,050
1982D	3,161	4,989,480	1,578	24,331	32,590,978	1,339	4,183	8,557,207	2,046
1983E	3,165	4,985,000	1,575	24,400	32,940,000	1,350	4,200	8,610,000	2,050
1984F	3,165	4,985,000	1,575	24,400	32,440,000	1,350	4,200	8,610,000	2,050
1985F	3,165	4,985,000	1,575	24,400	32,940,000	1,350	4,200	8,610,000	2,050
1986F	3,165	4,985,000	1,575	24,400	32,940,000	1,350	4,200	8,610,000	2,050
1987F	3,175	4,984,750	1,570	24,400	32,940,000	1,350	4,200	8,610,000	2,050
1988F	3,190	4,976,400	1,560	24,400	32,940,000	1,350	4,200	8,610,000	2,050
1989F	3,205	4,983,775	1,555	24,400	32,940,000	1,350	4,200	8,610,000	2,050
1990F	3,220	4,990,000	1,550	24,400	32,940,000	1,350	4,200	8,610,000	2,050

Source: Army Corps of Engineers, Waterborne Commerce Statistical Center.

As of December 31 As of October 1 As of May 1

TBS estimate TBS forecast

The towboat fleet will probably remain at current capacity for the next few years until traffic recovers sufficiently to use up current excess capacity. It is estimated that the fleet will not expand until 1987, unless there is a significant jump in utilization prior to that year. This could be brought about through a major foreign grain crop failure or other disruption to normal transportation flows. The average horsepower of the towboat fleet will be reduced over time as operators adjust their equipment to economical fuel operations and replace overpowered boats with vessels using smaller engines.

Dry hopper barges are currently in excess supply. Demand for their services is expected to increase over the next six years. This will primarily be driven by traffic increases in coal, grain, fertilizer, sand and gravel, and coal. The current excess capacity will slowly be eliminated as open and covered hopper barges are used more intensively through the decade.

Tank barges are also in excess. There will also be changes in cargoes carried during the 1980's as less crude oil and more petroleum products and petrochemicls are moved over longer distances. This will improve the utilization of the tank barge fleet but will not support increases in the number of tank barges.

In all of the above fleets, there will be some specialized construction during the 1980 's, but most of this expansion in fleet size will be compensated with selective scrappings and casualty losses.

MAINTENANCE OF THE FORECASTING SYSTEM

The forecasts of the inland waterways can be updated as necessary by industry analysts. Actual historical data will become available only once per year and it is reasonable to expect that a review of the overall forecast validity would be accomplished at least once per year. However, the forecast can be modified for any commodity, at any time, formally or informally, and will continue to be a useful reference for managers. Industries where data is more timely, such as the grain or coal industry, can update their data more frequently.

V. OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

The strategic analysis of the barge line's internal and external environments should not be restricted to examining the market demand for barge services and the availability of competing equipment. In order to develop a comprehensive projection of the firm's operating environment, the analysis should include an examination of the current situation and possible changes in the legal and regulatory environment, physical characteristics of the waterway, new technology, availability of necessary resources, and activities of competing transportation modes.

LEGAL AND REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT

A planner must analyze the present and projected legal and regulatory environment of the inland barge industry. Congressional and regulatory activity can make a big impact, particularly from the following federal agencies:

- Department of Transportation (DOT)
- U.S. Maritime Administration (MarAd)
- U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)
- National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)
- Department of Labor (DOL)
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (CofE)
- Department of Justice (DOJ)
- Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC)
- Federal Maritime Commission (FMC)

Through their taxing and spending powers, as well as by changing laws and regulations governing barges, other forms of transportation, and shipping customers, other segments of the federal government, such as the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and various committees of the Senate and House of Representatives, directly affect the industry.

A feel for the relevant developing issues allows the barge line to adopt an action-oriented goal of trying to obtain favorable legal and regulatory changes. Small operators have been able to expand their effectiveness by joining industry associations on both a long-term basis and for specific threatening issues. Some effective barge industry associations include: the National Waterways Conference, Inc., the American Waterways Operators, Inc., and the Water Transport Association. In addition to their lobbying and public information activities, each organization publishes a member newsletter that collects and distributes useful information.

In addition to federal activities, barge lines are affected by state and local governments. These governments can increase costs and restrictions through zoning, taxation, permitting for use, and eminent domain. On the other hand, these governmental activities can encourage and support economic development when state and local policymakers perceive that inland river transportation is economically beneficial.

The strategic planner should assess the likely direction of all regulatory and legislative programs. Examples of issues to look out for include the following:

- Waterway user charges
- Port user charges
- Fleeting regulations
- Channel and lock improvements
- Regional development programs
- Economic regulation of all domestic modes of transportation
- Safety and environmental regulations
- Agricultural subsidy and export programs
- Embargoes on international trade

- Energy programs affecting coal and petroleum transportation
- Tax policy

Each policy area can affect the cost structure of towing operations or the market demand for towing services.

One example of the regulatory impact on costs is a Coast Guard consideration of requirements to eliminate single-hull tank barges. The towing industry showed that this proposed regulation would require \$2.8 billion in additional capital and operating costs. Other industry-generated information showed that the proposed regulation would reduce pollution only slightly. As a result, the Coast Guard modified the proposal extensively. As another example, four successive embargos on export grain shipments severly reduced the demand for southbound covered hopper services.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE WATERWAYS

The conditions of the various waterways should be monitored for both short-term operational needs and for longer term market impact. In the first case, delays caused by high or low water, lock maintenance, or vessel casualties detrimentally affect the flow of traffic on a waterway. For the longer term, the occurrence affects decisions by shippers on preferred shipping origins or destinations, modal choices, or terminal locations. For instance, a shipper who has frequent problems with delivery interruptions due to ice on the Illinois Waterway may decide to locate his next plant further south on the upper Mississippi near St. Louis. A choice such as this lessens the aggregate demand for barge services on specific waterways. Of course, improvements in the physical characteristics of waterways (such as a new dam with expanded lock capacity at Locks and Dam 26 on the upper Mississippi or the waterway connecting the Tennessee and Tombigbee Rivers) expand the demand for barge services or create entirely new markets.

The strategic planner should always be aware of river conditions and should attempt to acquire additional information from existing and potential shippers to gauge the potential impact on the demand for the barge line's and its competitors' services.

NEW TECHNOLOGY

With the availability of new technology to improve towboat and barge design and operations, it is important that the strategic planner takes these changes into account. However, deciding to use new technology cannot be done on an engineering basis alone. The planner should consider the context of the entire operation's cost profile, including manning levels and other operating and maintenance expenses. Thus, an investment in more efficient engines that burn lower cost, higher viscosity oil must be made at the appropriate time for retrofitting older towboats or building new vessels.

Advancements in materials handling technology often makes barges for special cargoes obsolete. One example was the shift from dry sulphur to liquid sulphur loadings. Another was the introduction of pneumatic cement barges. New barge designs can give the company a strategic advantage if investments are made early when the technology is still new. Although this can preclude competitors from making similar investments if they can identify the market's limited size, it can be risky, since this industry has a recent history of overinvesting in equipment.

BARGE LINE RESOURCES

Planning for the economical operation of the barge line requires an understanding of the markets for resources that the company uses. These resources can be grouped as follows:

- Barge and towboat equipment
- Labor
- Equipment supplies and maintenance
- Fuel
- Port services

Each category includes a number of elements that affect the cost and availability of the company's barge and towing services.

Equipment

The availability and costs of barges and towboats are the major considerations affecting the decision for bidding on any barge traffic. This factor applies to operating costs in the short term when comparing the company's equipment to that available to competitors. For a longer term, a company can decide to offer its own equipment or it can go after the business when no company-controlled equipment is available. It can choose to charter, lease, or otherwise contract for outside vessels for the operation. This decision can be made for both barges and towboats. In the case of towboats, the power necessary for the move can usually be divided between the linehaul portion and the pickup or delivery portions. In some cases, it will be more economical to contract out part of the move to another carrier or to contract in equipment that is more suitable and efficient.

Labor

The labor rates and availability of personnel used to operate the towboats is an important component of vessel operations costs. At present, there is an oversupply because of the current downturn in the industry. Therefore, labor cost reduction is now possible. The availability of good management talent at competitive prices is also important. A new emphasis on innovative marketing and implementing information and planning systems has created a demand for new executive talent.

Equipment Supplies and Maintenance

Equipment supplies and vessel maintenance absorb a large part of the operating costs of the company's vessels. Planners must decide how to preposition critical parts, inventory levels, and whether to use in-house or contract personnel and facilities to service and maintain the floating equipment. For the use of outside vendors, it is important to identify high-cost regions where limited competition exists. Operating and maintenance and repair policies should be established to minimize these costs. Important tradeoffs are often made between higher M&R costs and higher revenues received from traffic that can prove more harmful to the equipment, operating personnel, or the public. These are not always apparent, but often involve analyses of potential For example, many barge lines hesitate to enter chemical and petroleum trades due to the higher costs and risks involved. On the other hand, other barge lines have been financially successful specializing in these fields. Thus, it's important to know the costs and understand the risks that are associated with targeted markets.

Fuel

Fuel availability has been a problem in the past. Except for those towboats operating on heavier blends of diesel oil, there are now numerous places to buy fuel at market prices. However, a number of barge lines have considered developing hedges against fuel price fluctuations and shortages by entering the futures market. This can provide stability to permit more careful planning of costs for future operations.

Port Services

Port services include fleeting, shifting, cleaning, loading/unloading, and other miscellaneous tasks such as dewatering and steam heating. A similar decision process to that for M&R services can be used to determine which of these activities should be done in-house and which through vendors. This is principally determined by location, volume of use, frequency of need, and cost and availability of outside vendors. Since these costs are often a large proportion of the total movement cost, it is important to have accurate cost accounting systems for both internal and external expenditures.

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In summary, the planner should know the company's resource requirements. Information should be assembled about the availability and costs of resources both in the company and the marketplace. By tracking these resource costs and using them appropriately vis-a- vis the company's objectives, the planner can make better strategic decisions. For example, if the company is a low cost linehaul operator, it should be careful in assessing the development of cost centers in the company to provide ancillary services. On the other hand, if the company emphasizes the quality of its service and needs to use in-house resources to maintain a guaranteed standard, then its objective is different. In either case, the planner needs to understand the dynamics of the resource markets to intelligently analyze these options.

OTHER MODAL ACTIVITIES

Barge lines compete extensively with railroads, pipelines, truck lines, and coastal ship and barge lines. The competition is not only head to head on a daily basis, but is also long term

and subtle. The competition develops when shippers make decisions about locations for new plants, sources of raw materials, or markets. Their transportation costs are only part of that decision. For many high-volume and low-unit value commodities, transportation is a major portion of the total delivered cost. Barge line planners should learn about customers' existing and future locations and other marketing decisions in order to understand their own lines' markets. Equally important for a complete understanding of the competitive marketplace is the knowledge of changes in competing modes' services to these customers.

VI. THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGY

Having undertaken a thorough analysis of the company's present and probable environments—both internal and external—the planner can turn to the development of strategies designed to meet the future challenges. The first step is to focus strategic development on the most critical issues.

STRATEGIC ISSUES

With a projection of the future environment in hand, the strategic planner is in a position to overlay an analysis of the company's strengths and weaknesses on that projection. This analysis should focus on the company's ability to prosper in the future environment. Inevitably, the planner finds several key factors, which we shall call strategic issues. Strategic issues are factors that are likely to create opportunities for and threats to the company. The following scenarios are examples of such issues:

- The Tennessee-Tombigbee waterway will soon be opened for navigation from the Tennessee River to Mobile. New markets may or may not develop for short- and long-haul shipments. To develop a major share of any potential markets, companies should commit themselves early to assign resources, position equipment and develop relationships with local towboat operators, vendors, and especially shippers.
- Overcapacity plagues the inland barge industry. Tow-boats and barges are tied up and their future is uncertain. Slow recovery in demand for their services is forecasted. An industry proposal has been developed to scrap excess hopper barges. The company can contribute to the relief of an industrywide problem. On the other hand, some of the excess equipment can be useful when business picks up.
- The company specializes in the long-haul affreightment of grain and other dry bulk commodities. A number of towboats are tied up and crews laid off. An opportunity arises to acquire a bankrupt company's tank barges and towboats. The industry's liquid trade is improving faster than the dry bulk trade.

CORPORATE MISSION

Provided with an assessment of the future environment and the identification of strategic issues, senior management can define a mission for the company. Essentially, this entails answering three straightforward questions:

- Who are the company's customers?
- What are the customers' needs?
- How may these needs be met?

A corporate mission statement should answer these questions broadly. For example:

"Achieve and maintain the position of market leader in providing barge transportation service on the Mississippi River System through innovative responses to shippers' needs and a rigorous emphasis on management and control."

The mission may be broadened or narrowed depending on the level of horizontal or vertical integration desired in the company and the market areas served. Remember that the mission statement guides strategic planning, rather than constrains it.

PLANNING PERIOD

For the capital-intensive barge industry, in which the major assets (vessels) often operate for more than 20 years, the strategic planning period should cover a minimum of 10 years. Of course, the accuracy of forecasts decreases over time because of the cumulative uncertainties and unforeseen events that are beyond the scope of even the most brilliant mortal to forecast. Even so, it is valuable to assess the impact of future events (such as energy shortages) because a longer term perspective provides a sense of the timing and sequence of strategic moves. Effective strategies tend to be opportunistic in that they are sufficiently flexible so that they may be adjusted to deal with unforeseen opportunities and threats.

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STRATEGIC ALTERNATIVES

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Strategic alternatives shou planning period. Although not d budgets and financial reports, e include financial detail so that flow, and market position can be ning period. The proposed strat position in relation to the follows:

- Market share
- Market role (leader or
- Competitors' projected
- Needs for new equipmen
- Marketing strategy (ma regions, key customers
- Organizational structu
- Possible avenues of sy sions
- The regulatory environ
 - --Align with existing
 - --Support favorable le initiatives

Timing is central to developing an effective strategy. A "strategic window" may be identified—that is, an area of opportunity that is a unique alignment of environmental conditions and the company's special capabilities. However, the pace of change, both in—and out—side the company, may leave the strategic window open for only a brief period. Inaction or mistiming damages the company's ability to exploit the opportunity.

TESTING AND EVALUATION OF STRATEGIC ALTERNATIVES

Alternative strategies should be tested objectively by developing forecasts of the range of results that can be expected from each alternative. The results should be stated in quantitative terms, such as revenues and costs. Pro forma financial calculations can then be developed to determine the potential impact of the alternatives on the company's balance sheets.

Computer simulation is efficient for evaluating alternative operating strategies. A computer simulation takes a strategy with its inherent assumptions on traffic demand, fleet use, rates, and costs, and projects the results of the strategy over the planning period in the form of income and cash flow statements and capacity use tables. Various mainframe and personal computers spreadsheet packages can be used to develop the computer simulation. A sample model was developed using EPS Incorporated's FCS-EPS spread sheet program and is described in Appendix H. As each company has a unique mix of customers, equipment, and operating patterns, the model can be modified for a company's operations and for the type of spreadsheet available to the planner.

The benefits of using a computer model to evaluate a long-range strategy are twofold: it tests the effectiveness of alternative strategies in dealing with a projected set of environmental conditions and provides a framework to help structure operational strategies. Broadly speaking strategic planning entails making general assumptions. The computer model aids the planner by forcing him to state these assumptions explicitly. Computer simulation also enables the planner to vary the assumptions, such as growth projections and rate and cost forecasts, to test alternative strategies for sensitivity to the variations.

STRATEGY SELECTION

The pro forma financial statements that are calculated either by hand or by a computer model enable the planner to rank

alternative strategies on the basis of the internal rate of return, the demand on scarce resources, the timing and impact of positive and negative cash flows, and effects on the company's financial statements. Other factors to consider when selecting are these:

- Consistency with the company's goals and priorities
- Compatibility with projected environmental conditions
- Adaptability to internal and external changes
- Level of risk
- Use of the company's personnel, knowledge, technology, and financial resources
- Ability to generate a consensus on its future direction as measured by morale level
- Consistency of logic and actions

IMPLEMENTATION

Successful implementation is the final test of the effectiveness of strategic planning. Management will not tolerate a process that does not bear fruit.

The most important first step in turning the abstraction into action is to communicate it to those responsible for implementation. These individuals must be party to the overall corporate mission, strategic objectives, and assumptions and rationale underlying the strategy. Without a thorough understanding of the strategy's details and the reasons behind it, the implementers' attempts may flop. A full understanding of the planning process gives them the information they need to make the plan work.

One method to ensure effective communication is to involve several implementers in developing and selecting the strategy, so they can appreciate the benefits of the process and the plan itself.

BUSINESS PLANS

An effective strategy implementation must bridge the gap between the abstract, long-range focus of strategic planning and the concrete, short-term policies and directives needed for implementation, which requires a detailed analysis. The short-term plans or "business plans" can range from formal five-year plans and annual budgets to monthly sales targets and barge trip results. These business plans should cover the following:

- Marketing
- Competition
- Operations/service
- Finance
- Organization/personnel development
- Corporate development

A comprehensive scope and sufficient detail to allow implementation of the strategic plan are essential to the business plans at this stage of the process.

The <u>Sales Plan</u> should identify and prioritize specific customer needs and, where applicable, particular market segments to target.

The <u>Competitive Plan</u> should state assumptions about competitors' activities and develop the specific responses that the organization should take to neutralize the damage. Such actions might include forming coalitions or pre-empting the competition.

The Operations/Service Plan should detail how the organization will carry out its strategy in terms of vessel and terminal operations in order to meet the level and phased development of services called for in the strategy.

The <u>Financial Plan</u> should include short-term detail from which budgets and financial controls can be developed. It should detail cash flows in specific revenue and cost areas and identify cash requirements and surpluses. It should also address investment policy for surplus cash reserves.

The <u>Organization/Personnel Development Plan</u> should help structure the organization to meet the demands of the strategic plan. The organizational structure should reflect the priorities

and objectives of the company's strategy. Also, plans should develop the organization's human resources to best carry out the strategy.

The <u>Corporate Development Plan</u> should synchronize the needs and the contributions of the barge line and those of the rest of the company's units. The barge line must progress in a direction and at a pace that fits the overall corporate goals and resources.

MONITORING PERFORMANCE

By establishing strategic objectives and projecting results at a service level over an extensive planning period, the strategic planning process provides a number of yardsticks with which to measure the company's effectiveness in carrying out the chosen strategy. Explicit assumptions concerning future environmental conditions are another product of the strategic planning process. Any divergence of the company is performance from the plan or of real environmental conditions from projections are detected by these yardsticks. A continued monitoring process thus provides an early warning system that can identify unforeseen areas of opportunity or threat to the company. These may be addressed as the strategic issues in an ongoing strategic planning process.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

The company strategy is developed, implemented, and monitored in Phase II and III of the planning process. The cycle is then renewed on an annual or more frequent basis by first updating the information that was collected and analyzed in Phase I. As each successive cycle is developed, new issues and strategies are developed, implemented, and then monitored. With very few iterations the strategic planning process will become an integral part of the company decision making process.

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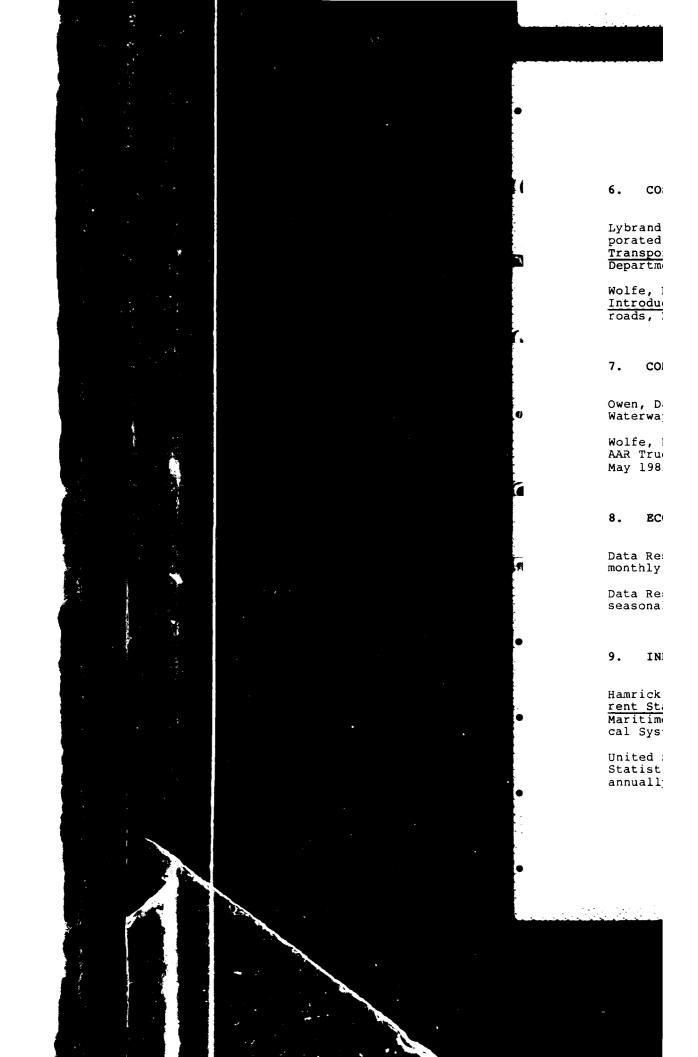
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COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION FOR DOMESTIC WATERBORNE COMMERCE

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Code		Code	
No.	Item Name	No.	Item Name
	Group 01-Ferm Products		Group 20-Food and Kindred Products
0101	Cotton, raw	2034	Vegetables and preparations, canned and otherwise prepared
0102 0103	Barley and rys	2039	and preserved Fruits, and fruit and vegetable juices, canned and otherwise
0104 0105	Cats Rice	2041	prepared or preserved Wheat flour and semolina
0106	Sorghum Grains	2042	Animal faeds
0107 0111	Wheat Soybeans	2049 2061	Grain mill products, not elsewhere classified Sugar
0112	Flammed	2062 2081	Holasses
011 9 0121	Oilseeds, not elsewhere classified Tobacco, leaf	2091	Alcoholic beverages Vegetable oils, all grades; margarine and shortening
0122 0129	May and Fodder Field crops, not elsewhere classified	2092	Animal oils and fats, not elsewhere classified, including marine
0131	Fresh fruits	2094	Groceries
0132 0133	Banenes and plantsins Coffee, green and rossted (including instant)	2095 20 9 9	Ice Miscellaneous food products
0134	Cocoa beans	••••	·
0141 0151	Fresh and frozen vegetables Live animals (livestock) except soo enimals, cate,		Group 21-Tobacco Products
0161	dogs, etc. Aginals and snimal products, not elsewhere classified	2111	Tobacco manufactures
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	Group OB-Forest Products	2211 2212	Basic textile products, except textile fibers Textile fibers not elsewhere classified
0841	Crude rubber and allied gume		
0861	Forest products, not elsewhere classified		Group 23-Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products Including Knit
	Group 09-Fresh Fish and Other Marine Products	2311	Apparel and other finished textile products, including knit
0911 0912	Presh fish, except shellfish Shellfish, except prepared or preserved		Group 24-Lumber and Wood Products
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	Group 10-Metallic Ores	2412 2413	Refted logs Fuel wood, charcoal, and wastes
1011	Iron ore and concentrates	2414	Timber, posts, poles, piling, and other wood in the rough
1021 1051	Copper ore and concentrates Bauxite and other aluminum ores and concentrates	2415 2416	Pulpwood, log Wood chips, staves, moldings, and excelsion
1061 1091	Manganese ores and concentrates	2421 2431	Lumber
1071	Monferrous metal ores and concentrates, not elsewhere classified	2491	Veneer, plywood, and other worked wood Wood manufactures, not elsewhere classified
	Group 11-Coal		Group 25-Furniture and Fixtures
1121	Coal and lignite	2511	Furniture and fixtures
	Group 13-Crude Petroleum		Group 26-Pulp, Paper and Allied Products
1311	Crude petroleum	2611	Pulp
	Group 14-Nonmetallic Minerals, Except Fuels	2621 2631	Standard newsprint paper Paper and paperboard
		2691	Pulp, paper and paperboard products, not elsewhere classified
1411 1412	Limestone flux and calcareous stone Building stone, unworked		Group 27-Printed Metter
1442	Send, gravel and crushed rock	2711	B-4
1451 1471	Clay, ceramic and refractory materials Phosphate rock	•/••	
1479	Matural fertiliser materials, not elsewhere classified		Group 28-Chemicals and Allied Products
1491	Selt	2810	Sodium hydroxide (caustic sode)
1492 1493	Sulphur, dry Sulphur, liquid	2811	Crude products from coal tar, petroleum, and natural gas, except benzene and toluene
1494	Oypsum, crude and plasters Ronnetallic minerals, except fuels, not elsewhere	2812 2813	Dyes, organic pigment, dyeing and tanning materials Alcohols
1499	classified	2816	Radioactive and associated materials, including wastes
	Group 19-Ordnance and Accessories	2817 2818	Sensene and toluene, crude and commercially pure Sulphuric acid
		2819	Besic chemicals and basic chemical products, not elsewhere
1911	Ordnance and accessories	2821	classified Plastic materials, regenerated cellulose and synthetic resins,
	Group 20-Food and Kindred Products	2822	including film, sheeting, and laminates Synthetic rubber
2011 2012	Mmat, fresh, chilled, or frozen Mmat and mmat products prepared or preserved,	2823 2831	Synthetic (man-made) fiber Drugs (biological products, medicinal chemicals, botanical
	including canned meat products		products and pharmaceutics. preparations)
2014 2015	Tallow, animal fats and oils Animal by-products, not elsewhers classified	2841	Soap, detergents, and cleaning preparations; perfumes, commetics, and other toilet preparations
2021	Dairy products, except dried wilk and cream	2851	Paints, varnishes, lacquers, enamels, and allied products
2022 2031	Dried milk and cream Fish and fish products, including shellfish,	2861 2871	Gum and wood chemicals Nitrogenous chemical fertilizers, except mixtures
	prepared or preserved	2872 2873	Potassic chemical fertilizers, except mixtures
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	Group 28-Chemicals and Allied Products		Group 34-Fabricated Metal Products, Except Ordnance, Machinery and
2876 2879	Insecticides, fungicides, posticides, and disinfectants Fertilisers and fertiliser meterials, not elsewhere	•	Transportation Equipment
2891	classified Miscallemous chemical products	3411	Fabricated metal products, except ordnance, machinery, and transportation equipment
	Group 29-Petroleum and Comi Products		Group 35-Machinery, Except Electrical
2911 2912	Gasoline, including additives Jet fuel	3511	Machinery, except electrical
2913	Kerosene		Group 36-Electrical Machinery, Equipment
2914	Distillate fuel oil		and Supplies
2915 2916	Residual fuel oil Lubricating oils and gresses	3611	Electrical machinery equipment and supplies
2917	Maphtha, mineral spirits, solvents, not elsewhere classified	74.1	Group 37-Transportation Equipment
2918	Asphalt, tar, and pitches		aroch s rranshorestron sdorbæste
2920	Coke, including petroleum coke	3711	Motor vehicles, perts and equipment
2921	Liquefied petroleum gases, coal gases, natural gas,	3721	Aircraft and parts
2951	and natural gas liquids Asphalt building materials	3731 3791	Ships and boats Miscellaneous transportation equipment
2991	Petroleum and coal products, not elsewhere	3,72	Waterranaha traushorrarran adarbuanr
	classified		Group 38-Instruments, Photographic and
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	Group 30-Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastics Products	3811	Instruments, photographic and optical goods, watches and clock
3011	Rubber and miscellaneous plastic products		Group 39-Miscellaneous Products of Menufacturing
	Group 31-Leather and Leather Products	3911	March 11 and a second s
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	Group 32-Stone, Clay, Glass and Concrete Products	4011	Iron and steel scrap
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3211	Glass and glass products	4022	Textile waste, scrap, and sweepings
3241	Building coment	4024	Paper waste and ecrap
3251 3271	Structural clay products, including refractories	4029	Waste and scrap, not elsewhere classified
3281	Cut stone and stone products		Group 41-Special Items
3291	Miscellaneous nonmetallic mineral products		···
	Group 33-Primary Hetal Products	4111 4112	Water Miscellaneous shipments not identifiable by commodity
	Group 33-Frienty Metal Products	4113	LCL freight
3311	Pig iron	4118	Materials used in waterway improvement, Government materials
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3314	asphelts, and naphths and solvents Iron and steel ingots, and other primary forms,		item
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3317	Iron and steel pipe and tube		of Engineers.
3318	Perroalloys	•	•
3319	Primary iron and steel products, not elsewhere classified including castings in the rough		
3321	Monferrous metals primary smelter product, basic		•
	shapes, wire castings and forgings, except		·
3322	copper, lead, sinc and aluminum Copper and copper alloys, whether or not		
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3323	lead and sinc including alloys, unworked		
3324	Aluminum and aluminum alloys, unworked		

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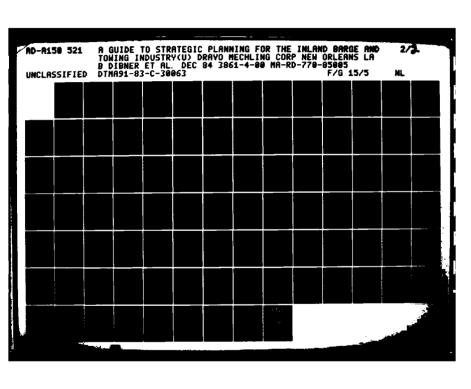
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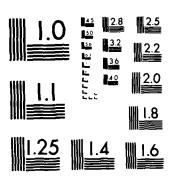
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Appendix C Footnotes

¹Table of Abbreviations for Commodity Flows

Abbreviations	Origin or Destination
ALL	All rivers
MISS.R. SYS.	Mississippi River System
MISS	Misaisaippi River
MISS-MN2NO	Mississippi River-Minnesota River to New Orleans
MISS-HN2MO	Mississippi River-Minnesota River to Missouri River
MISS-MO2NO	Mississippi River-Missouri River to New Orleans
MISS-MO20H	Mississippi River-Missouri River to Ohio River
MISS-OH2BR	Mississippi River-Ohio River to Baton Rouge
MISS-BR2ND	Mississippi River-Baton Rouge to New Orleans
MISS-NO2MP	Mississippi River-New Orleans to Mouth of Passes
MIN	Minnesota River
STCRX	St. Croix River
CHIC	Chicago
LAKE MICH	Lake Michigan
ILL	Illinois Waterway
MO	Missouri River
OH-PITD	Ohio River-Pittsburgh District
OH-HUND	Ohio River-Huntington District
OH-LOUD	Ohio River-Louisville District
MON	Monongahela River
KANA	Kanawha River
BIG SANDY	Big Sendy River
GREEN	Green and Barren Rivers
CUMB	Cumberland River
TENN	Tennesaee River
WARR	Warrior, Black Warrior, Tombigbee, Alabama and Mobile Rivers
WOLF	Wolf River
ARK	Arkansas River
WHITE	White River
YAZOO	Yazoo River
OUCH/BLK	Ouchite/Black River
ATCH	Atchefalaya River
GIW	Gulf Intracoastal Waterway
GIW-FLAZALA GIW-APPZMOB	Gulf Intracoastal Waterway-Florida to Alabama River
GIW-MOB2NO	Gulf Intracometal Waterway-Appalachicola to Mobile
GIN-MUSENU GIN-MISSESAB	Gulf Intracometal Waterway-Mobile to New Orleans
GIW-GALZCC	Gulf Intrecomptal Waterway-Mississippi River to Subine River
GIW-CXCZMEX	Gulf Intracometal Waterway-Galveston to Corpus Christi
GLEMEX	Gulf Intracoastal Waterway-Corpus Christi to Mexico Gulf of Mexico
ESCAM	Escambia River
CALC	Calcasieu River
SAB-NECH	Sabine and Nerhes Rivers
CALV	Galveston
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²Commodity descriptions:

Other Grains includes Barley and Rye (0102), Oats (0104), Rice (0105), and Sorghum Grains (0106).

Fertilizers and Materials includes Phosphate Rock (1471), Natural Fertilizer Materials, NEC (1479), Nitrogeneous Chemical Fertilizers (2871), Potassic Chemical Fertilizers (2872), Phosphoric Chemical Fertilizers (2873), and Fertilizers and Fertilizer Materials, NEC (2879).

<u>Chemicals</u> includes Radioactive and Associate Materials (2816), Basic <u>Chemicals</u> and Basic Chemical Products, NEC (2819), Plastic Mateirals (2821), and Insecticides, Fumicides, Pesticides, and Disinfectants (2876).

Iron and Steel Finished Products includes Iron and Steel Bars, Rode, Angles, Shapes, and Sactions, Including Sheet Piling (3315), Iron and Steel Plates and Sheets (3316), and Primary Iron and Steel Products, NEC, including Camtings (3319).

3Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Materborne Commerce of the United States, Part 5.

APPENDIX D

BARGE LINE CAPABILITIES

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Source: TBS/DMC data.

APPENDIX E

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	Who should I speak to?	
2.	Are you responsible for:	
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	Other Dry Bulk Cargoes	Go to page 4
	Liquid Cargoes	Go to page 5
	Regulated or breakbulk cargo?	Go to page 6

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2.	Which do you think best delivers the barges for loading where and when you need them? (Best, next best, etc.)		_		_	_			_
3.	Which briges do you think provides the best quality barges? (Best, next best, etc.)	_		_	_		_		
4.	Which do you think best keeps you advised of barge locations and problems? (Best, next best, etc.)	_			_			_	
5.	Which do you think is best in solving problems of accounting, claims, and other aspects of the move? (Best, next best, etc.)				_		_		
6.	Which do you think is the most cost competitive? (Best, next best, etc.)				_	_	_		
7.	Is there any barge line that you think is better than (Name best):								•
	1. for overall service?								
	2. for delivering empty barges?								
	3. for quality barges?								• •
	4. for keeping you advised?		•						
	5. for solving problems?								
	6. for cost competitiveness?								
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	ALBL	CROUNSE	MECHLING	FEDERAL	<u>ORCO</u>
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2. Which do you think best delivers					
the barges for loading where and when you need them? (Best, next best, etc.)		~	_		
3. Which barges do you think pro- vides the best quality barges? (Best, next best, etc.)			_		
4. Which do you think best keeps you advised of barge locations and					
problems? (Best, next best, etc.)		_	_		_
5. Which do you think is best in solving problems of accounting, claims, and other aspects of the move? (Best, next best, etc.)					
 Which do you think is the most cost competitive? (Best, next best, etc.) 			_		_
7. Is there any barge line that you think is better than (Name best):					
1. for overall service?					
2. for delivering empty barges?					
3. for quality barges?					
4. for keeping you advised?					
5. for solving problems?					
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OTHER DRY BULK

				CONTI-	DRAVO-			
		ACBL	CONSOL IDATED	CARRIERS	ME CHL I NG	MEMCO	VALLEY	
1.	Of the following barge lines, which do you think gives the best overall service? (Write 1 for Best, 2 Next Best, etc.)		_	_	_	_	_	
2.	Which do you think best delivers the barges for loading where and when you need them? (Best, next best, etc.)	_		_				
3.	Which barges do you think pro- vides the best quality barges? (Best, next best, etc.)			_		_	aggarage	
4.	Which do you think best keeps you advised of barge locations and problems? (Best, next best, etc.)	_		-	_	_		
5.	Which do you think is best in solving problems of accounting, claims, and other aspects of the move? (Best, next best, etc.)	_		_			_	
6.	Which do you think is the most cost competitive? (Best, next best, etc.)		_			_		
7.	Is there any barge line that you think is better than (Name best):							
	1. for overall service?							
	2. for delivering empty barges?							
	3. for quality barges?							
	4. for keeping you advised?							
	5. for solving problems?		_					
	6. for cost competitiveness?							
7.	How can barge line service be impr	oved 1	for your cargo?	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
								
								

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		ACBL	DIXIE	DRAVO- MECHLING	NATIONAL MARINE	ORCO (CHOTIN)
1.	Of the following barge lines, which do you think gives the best overall service? (Write 1 for Best, 2 Next Best, etc.)					_
2.	Which do you think best delivers the barges for loading where and when you need them? (Best, next best, etc.)					
3.	Which barges do you think pro- vides the best quality barges? (Best, next best, etc.)			_		_
4.	Which do you think best keeps you advised of barge locations and problems? (Best, next best, etc.)			_	_	_
5.	Which do you think is best in solving problems of accounting, claims, and other aspects of the move? (Best, next best, etc.)					_
6.	Which do you think is the most cost competitive? (Best, next best, etc.)	_		_		_
7.	Is there any barge line that you think is better than (Name best):					
	1. for overall service?					
	2. for delivering empty barges?					
	3. for quality barges?					
	4. for keeping you advised?					
	5. for solving problems?					
	6. for cost competitiveness?					
7.	How can barge line service be impr	oved fo	r your c	argo?		
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REGULATED (OR BREAKBULK)

		ACBL	DRAVO MECHLING	FEDERAL	ORCO	SCNO	VALLEY	
1.	Of the following barge lines, which do you think gives the best overall service? (Write 1 for Best, 2 Next Best, etc.)	_	_	_	_	_	_	:
2.	Which do you think best delivers the barges for loading where and when you need them? (Best, next best, etc.)		_	_				
3.	Which barges do you think pro- vides the best quality barges? (Best, next best, etc.)			_		_	_	
4.	Which do you think best keeps you advised of barge locations and problems? (Best, next best, etc.)		_			_		
5.	Which do you think is best in solving problems of accounting, claims, and other aspects of the move? (Best, next best, etc.)	_	_			_	_	
6.	Which do you think is the most cost competitive? (Best, next best, etc.)	_	_			_		
7.	Is there any barge line that you think is better than (Name best):							
	1. for overall service?							
	2. for delivering empty barges?							
	3. for quality barges?							
	4. for keeping you advised?							
	5. for solving problems?		·					•
	6. for cost competitiveness?							
7.	How can barge line service be impr	oved fo	or your car	go?			·	
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Appendix F
EXAMPLES OF FORECASTING METHODOLOGY

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EXAMPLES OF FORECASTING METHODOLOGY

The forecasting procedures are explained below with two examples of fertilizer and grain.

FERTILIZER

Tons of fertilizer movements on the Mississippi River System were forecasted and are displayed in Figure F-1. The table shows historical and forecasted fertilizer barge traffic, national fertilizer production, and the nondimensional parametric explanatory factor. Note that 1982 is the last year in which complete data were available. The figure is separated after that year to single out forecasted data. The analysis begins from left to right for the historical data and then continues from right to left for the forecasted data. Each column will be explained below in that order.

Data Sources for 1970-1982

- Column 1. Historical Mississippi River System fertilizer movements in short tons were available in Part 2 of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (CofE) Waterborne Commerce of the United States.
- Column 2. All U.S. fertilizer consumption is found in the Statistical Abstract of the United States.
- Column 3. Data Resources, Inc. (DRI) publishes an historical fertilizer production index in its U.S. Long Term Review.
- Column 4. An explanatory factor showing the relative quantities of barge traffic to national consumption was calculated by dividing Column 1 by Column 2.

Forecasting Methodology for 1983-1990

Column 1. The forecasts of Mississippi River System traffic were calculated by multiplying the explanatory factors in Column 4 by the forecasted national consumption figures in Column 2.

Figure F-1 MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM TRAFFIC AND FORECAST **FERTILIZER**

Year	1 Mississippi River System Fertilizer Movements ¹ (millions of short tons)	2 All U.S. Fertilizer Consumption ² (millions of tons)	3 DRI Index of Production for Agricultural Chemicals (1967 = 1.000)	4 Explanatory Factor (1+3)
1970	3.9	39.6	1.079	.098
1971	4.5	39.9	1.035	.113
1972	6.5	39.9	1.089	.163
1973	5.9	41.8	1.270	.141
1974	6.5	47.1	1.447	. 138
1975	6.2	42.5	1.641	.146
1976	6.0	49.2	1.854	.122
1977	7.0	51.6	2.012	.136
1978	7.1	47.5	2.118	.149
1979	7.6	51.5	2.216	.148
1980	8.4	52.8	2.307	.159
1981	7.3	54.0	2.415	.135
1982	6.5	48.7	2.087	.133
1983F	6.3	45.1	1.932ª	.14
1984F	6.7	48.0	2.056ª	.14
1985F	7.3	51.9	2.223 ^a	.14
1986F	7.7	55.0	2.357 ⁸	.14
1987F	8.2	58.7	2.514 ⁸	.14
1988F	8.7	62.0	2.657 ^a	.14
1989F	8.9	63.8	2.7348	.14
1990F	9.3	66.6	2.855ª	.14

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Waterborne Commerce of the United States, Part 2 (phosphate rock, nitrogenous chemical fertilizers, fertilizers and materials, n.e.c., and lime).

2Data Resources, Inc., U.S. Long Term Review, Winter 1983-84,

F = Forecasted.

p. 11.47.

Source: DOC, Statistical Abstract of the United States,

(FEA), p. 670.

- Column 2. The forecast of total U.S. fertilizer consumption was calculated with the ratio of the DRI index to the U.S. consumption for the last year of actual data (1982). This factor of 23.33 (48.7 divided by 2.087) was then multiplied by the DRI index in Column 3 to get forecasted U.S. consumption in Column 2.
- Column 3. The DRI forecasts of national fertilizer production were obtained for recent years from the $\underline{\text{U.S. Long Term}}$ Review.
- Column 4. An average of .14 for the explanatory factor was calculated and used for future years. This represents a constant ratio for Mississippi River System traffic compared to total U.S. consumption.

GRAIN

The mechanism that is used to determine expected barge demand for grain transportation focuses on export demand. Grain export demand forecasts have been developed by DRI for both short and long terms. Historical data describing exports is available from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and historical data describing river movements is available from the CofE. As we proceed through the analysis tabulated in Figure F-2, specific sources will be cited.

As before, the analysis begins from left to right for the historical data and then generally from right to left for the forecasted data. Each column will be explained below in that order.

Data Sources for 1970-1982

- <u>Column 1</u>. Historical Mississippi River System grain movements in short tons are available in Part 2 of CofE's <u>Waterborne</u> Commerce of the United States.
- Column 2. The number of bushels of Mississippi River grain exported through ports on the Gulf of Mexico was found in USDA's Grain and Feed Market News.
- Column 3. An explanatory factor showing the relative proportion of barge movements to Gulf exports was calculated by dividing Column 1 by Column 2. Note that the different units, short tons and bushels, were ignored.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM TRAFFIC AND FORECAST GRAIN Figure F-2

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Year	Alselesippi River System Grain Movements! (millions of short tons)	Mississippi River Gulf Exports ² (millions of bushels)	Gulf Export Share of MRS Traffic Explanatory Factor	Total U.S. Grain Exports (millions of bushels)	Mississippi River Gulf Exports se Percent U.S. Exports (%)	FFB Percent Value Change 3 1967 = 100	DRI Unit Index of FFB Export by Volume	DRI FFB Exports* (billions of current \$)	Export Volume Index	Volume Explanatory Factor	
1970	23.9	684.0	.0349	1826.2	37.5	3.4	666.	5.9	5.91	309.0	
1761	24.6	635.6	.0387	1705.7	37.3	6.9	1.068	6.1	5.72	238.2	
1972	80.8	957.0	.0324	2318.8	41.3	 -	1.112	7.5	6.74	744.0	
1973	32.2	1172.7	.0275	3511.9	53.4	×.3	1.738	15.1	8.69	404.1	
1974	35.6	1135.8	.0313	2880.1	39.4	27.0	2.207	18.5	æ.	X43.7	
1975	19.4	1165.4	.05.5g	3159.4	6.9	5.1	2.319	19.1	8.24	383.4	
1976	e. 94	1514.7	.0322	3560.5	42.5	-9.2	2.106	19.7	9.35	80.08	
1977	8.94	1486.8	\$1.00	3367.4	4.2	٠ <u>٠</u>	2.100	9.6	9.33	¥0.9	
1978	55.0	1645.2	¥.0.	4197.2	39.2	2.1	2.207	25.0	11.33	370.5	
1979	7.	1750.4	.0313	4561.8	₹ .	11.9	2.469	9.62	1.3	×90.5	
986	4.43	1947.1	1250.	4929.8	39.5	5.8	2.613	35.3	13.51	1.7%	
1961	 	2092.1	7150.	4940.9	42.3	5.0	2.743	57.9	13.82	357.5	
1982	73.8	2284.5	.0323	4757.9	0.84	-11.9	2.417	31.4	12.95	367.4	
198 A	73.1	2283	.032	4566	0.0%	3.8	2.509	31.46	12.51	\$65	
1984	70.2	2194	.032	4570	0.8	12.4	2.820	35.3b	12.52	\$65	
7987	71.6	22.99	.032	4763	47.0	3.8	2.927	2.20	13,05	\$98	
1986F	72.5	2267	.032	4928	0.94	\$.0	3.073	41.5	2.52	\$\$	
1987	75.7	2367	.032	\$260	45.0	7.5	3.304	47.60	14.41	%	
1980r	79.3	2479	.032	2632	0.1	12.6	3,720	57.40	15.43	\$65	
1989	8.08	2524	20.0	6985	43.0	12.5	4.185	67.30	16.08	\$	
19906	67.9	1652	.032	6169	42.0	6.4	4.390	74.20	2.90 0.91	\$\$	

¹U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Materborne Commerce of the United States, Part 2.
²U.S. Department of Agriculture, <u>Grain and Feed Market News.</u>
³Data Resources, Inc., <u>U.S. Long Term Review, Winter 1983-1984</u>, p. 11.27. (Exports of goods: Foods, Feeds, and Beverages [FFB]).
⁸Ibid., p. 1.87.
⁹Data N. Cyclelong 1283.
¹Did., p. 1.85.

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- Column 4. Total U.S. grain exports from all coastal areas were also found in USDA's Grain and Feed Market News.
- Column 5. The percent of Mississippi River Gulf Coast grain exports compared to total U.S. grain exports was calculated by dividing Mississippi River exports of Column 2 by total U.S. exports in Column 4.
- Column 6. In DRI's Long Term Review, historical annual changes in a unit value index for exports of Foods, Feeds, and Beverages (FFB) were found. The base year was established in 1967. The percentages of change for each successive year is then shown.
- Column 7. Beginning with an index value of 1.0, the percentages of change in Column 6 were multiplied by the previous year's index in Column 7 value to determine each year's actual value.
- Column 8. The total value of FFB exports in current dollars for each year were also found in DRI's history tables.
- Column 9. In order to eliminate variations caused by annual changes of average unit costs for bushels of grain, current export values in Column 8 were divided by the unit value indexes of Column 7 to give a new measure of food volume exported in each year.
- Column 10. The volume index in Column 9 was divided into the total U.S. grain exports in Column 4 to obtain a volume explanatory factor.

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- Column 10. An average of the volume explanatory factor was calculated at 365 and applied to all forecast years.
- Column 9. The forecasts of the export volume index were calculated by dividing the forecasts of FFB exports in Column 8 by the unit value index in Column 7.
- Column 8. Forecasts of FFB exports in current dollars were found in DRI's U.S. Long Term Review.
- Column 7. The unit index of FFB exports by volume were calculated by multiplying the previous year's index in Column 7 by the percentages of change in Column 6.

- Column 6. Forecasts of FFB percentages of value changes were also in DRI's U.S. Long Term Review.
- Column 5. Estimates of share of Mississippi River exports as a percentage of national exports were made for future years. The share is estimated to drop from 50 percent in 1983 to 42 percent in 1990.
- Column 4. The forecasts for total U.S. grain exports were calculated by multiplying the export volume index of Column 9 by the volume explanatory factor of Column 10.
- Column 3. The export share explanatory factor of Mississippi River traffic was averaged and applied to all forecast years.
- Column 2. The forecasted amounts of Mississippi River Gulf exports were calculated by multiplying the Mississippi River percent of U.S. exports in Column 5 by the total U.S. exports in Column 4.
- Column 1. The Mississippi River grain movement forecasts were then finally determined by multiplying the Mississippi River Gulf exports in Column 2 by the explanatory factor in Column 3.

Appendix G

FORECAST OF BARGE TRANSPORTATION DEMAND BY COMMODITY

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FORECAST OF BARGE TRANSPORTATION DEMAND BY COMMODITY

GRAIN FORECAST

Because the inland waterways industry transports more tonmiles per year of grain than any other commodity, the grain forecast is the largest and most important component of the industry's forecast. Although more tons of coal per year move through the inland waterways, grain represents more ton-miles because of the longer average trips of grain cargoes.

The category grain is composed of corn, wheat, soybeans, prepared animal feeds, and grain mill products, but this forecast analyzes it as an aggregate of these commodities.

Summary Forecast

Figure G-l summarizes the historical and forecast traffic for grain. Note that this forecast provides more than one possible outcome. The reasons are: the barge services' rate levels are a question mark, and equally uncertain is the barge industry's ability to compete for the grain market.

To reflect these uncertainties, two outcomes are forecast. The base case assumes that the rates recover and the barge share of total U.S. exports declines from its 1983 peak (50 percent of all U.S. exports) to a 1990 share of 42 percent. The second case is a high-traffic scenario, in which the rivers' share of U.S. exports remains at a constant 50 percent. The outcome would be increased traffic but severely depressed rates. This high-traffic forecast is presented in parentheses in Figure G-l and was not used in the example forecast of total traffic that was shown in Figure F-2.

The figure's Column 1 presents the historical and forecast grain traffic on the Mississippi River System. After the traffic rose dramatically from 23.9 million short tons in 1970, it peaked at 73.8 million tons in 1982. Under a scenario of rising rates and reduced river share of national exports (the base case), the forecast calls for a slow decline, followed by a slow increase from a low of 70.2 million tons in 1984 to 82.9 million tons in 1990.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM TRAFFIC AND FORECAST GRAIN Figure G-1

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Year	Mississippi fiver System Grain Movements! (millions of whort tons)	Mississippi River Gulf Exports ² (millions of bushels)	Gulf Export Share of MRS Traffic Explanatory Factor	Total U.S. Grain Exports (millions of bushels)	Mississippi River Galf Exports se Percent U.S. Exports (X)	FFB Percent Value Change ³ 1967 = 100	DRI Unit Index of FFB Export by Volume	DRI FFB Exportate (billions of current \$)	Export Volume Index	Volume Explanatory Factor
1970	23.9	0.489	ļ	1826.2	37.5	l .	.999	5.9	5.91	0.6%
1971	24.6	635.6		1705.7	37.3		1.068	6.1	5.72	298.2
1972	6.00	957.0		2318.8	41.3		1.112	7.5	6.74	0. 4
1973	32.2	1172.7		3511.9	33.4		1.738	15.1	8.69	- 6
1974	35.6	1135.8		2880.1	39.4		2.207	18.5	æ, æ	¥3.7
1975	39.4	1165.4		\$159.4	36.9		2.319	13.1	8.24	X83.4
9761	8.8	1514.7		3560.5	42.5		2.106	19.7	9.35	380.6
1977	8.94	1486.8	_	3367.4	4.2		2,100	19.6	9,33	360.9
1978	55.0	1645.2		4197.2	39.2		2.207	25.0	11.33	370.5
1979	7.3	1750.4		4561.8	₹.		2.469	29.6	11.98	380.5
18.	3	1%1.1		4929.8	39.5		2.613	35.3	13.51	367.1
198	66.3 73.8	2092.1 2284.5	.0317	4940.9	42.3	-11:9	2.743	32.9 32.9	13.82	357.5
198×	:			4566	50.0 (50.0) ^C		2.509	37.14	12.51	\$\$
1984F	70.2 (73.1)			4570	48.0 (50.0)		2.820	35.50	12.52	\$8
1985		_		4763	47.0 (50.0)		2.927	2. Z	13.05	\$
19865		_		4928	46.0 (50.0)		3.073	41.5°	3.20	\$\$
1987F				5260	45.0 (50.0)		3.30	47.6	14.41	\$
1986		_		2632	(9.05) 0.44		3.720	57.48	15.43	ž
1989		_		6988	43.0 (50.0)		4.189	67.30	16.08	\$2
1990F				6169	42.0 (50.0)		4.390	7.₽	16.90	3 %

¹U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Materborne Commerce of the United States, Part 2.
²U.S. Department of Agriculture, <u>Grain and Feed Market News.</u>
²U.S. Department of Agriculture, <u>Grain and Feed Market News.</u>
²Data Resources, Inc., <u>U.S. Long Term Review</u>, Minter 1983-1984, p. 11.27. (Exports of goods: F...ds, Feeds, and Beverages [FFB]).
⁴Data Resources, Inc., <u>U.S. Long Term Review</u>, Minter 1983-1984, p. 11.27. (Exports of goods: F...ds, Feeds, and Beverages [FFB]).
⁸Data N. 10.3.
⁹Did., p. 1.83.
⁹Chumbers in perenthesis represent forecast of constant 50 percent where of total U.S. grain exports at Masissippi River Gulf ports.

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Under the alternative scenario (of a constant 50 percent for U.S. export share), the forecast projects a faster increase in tonnage to 98.7 million short tons in 1990.

The relationship between the Mississippi River System's agricultural traffic and total exports from Mississippi River served Gulf ports has been relatively close throughout the 13 years of historical data.

The percentage of Mississippi River Gulf port's export grain tonnage share versus the total of U.S. grain exports shows variations in Column 5 between 33.4 percent in 1973 to an all-time high of 53 percent in 1983. These shares reflect a developing transportation infrastructure and fluctuating barge rates that can increase or decrease the competitiveness of barge transportation from the grain belt, thus making direct rail delivery to Atlantic, Gulf, Pacific, and Great Lakes ports more or less attractive.

The year-to-year changes in agricultural prices forecast by DRI in Column 6 show that in certain years, such as 1973 and 1974, sharp price increases occurred. In other years, smaller increases and even decreases have been evident. DRI's cumulative changes in value, calculated by altering a 1967 index of 1.0 for the year-to-year price changes, in Column 7, show that slight increases in prices are forecast for the remainder of the 1980s.

Column 9's volumes were derived from a combination of Column 8's values and Column 6's information. To check the data's reliability, the actual U.S. exports for 1970-1982 were divided by the imputed volumes (Column 9). With a few exceptions (which may in fact reflect changes in the composition of exports) the relationships have been fairly close, particularly for 1974-1982. On this basis, exports were projected (presented in Column 4), by multiplying the DRI volume index by an explanatory factor of 365, which was developed in Column 10. This shows a very gradual increase in U.S. exports for 1983-1990.

Figure IV-1 is the basic working document for assessing grain traffic to 1990. In addition to this document, managers and planners should seek other solid data for analyzing year-to-year changes. The numerous figures that follow are good places to start.

Figure G-2

GRAIN¹ INSPECTED FOR EXPORT BY REGION

1970-1982

1,000 bushels (figures in parentheses are regional shares of total)

				Gulf	16				
Year	Lakes	Atlantic	Mississippi River	Mobile and East Gulf	North Texas Gulf	South Texas Gulf	Total Gulf	Pacific	Total
1970	319,529 (17)		(12) (13)	37,442 (2)	344,142 (19)		1,147,141 (62)		1,826,241 (100)
1971	_		635,595 (37)				289	_	1,705,665 (100)
1972	336,871 (15)	(01) 026,922	957,034 (41)	62,548 (3)	387,740 (17)	93,706 (4)	1,501,028 (65)	253,944 (11)	2,318,813 (100)
1973	_	_	1,172,672 (33)				167	_	_
1974		_	1,135,813 (39)			_	1,884,933 (65)	_	2,880,129 (100)
1975	_		1,165,418 (37)			174,162 (5)	907	_	_
1976		_	1,514,749 (43)			-	025	_	_
1977	_	_	1,486,776 (44)			121,566 (4)	468		_
1978	_	_	1,645,207 (34)			_	296	_	_
1979	_	_	1,750,409 (38)			_	397	_	_
1980	_	_	1,947,061 (39)				645	_	_
1981	_	_	2,092,131 (42)				366	_	935 (
1982		_	2,284,534 (48)			49,386 (1)	3,119,279 (66)		4,757,932 (100)
1983	346,923 (6)	_	2,192,837 (53)		662,305 (16)		3,928,279 (71)	_	4,126,854 (100)
							Table 1977		

*Wheat, corn, sorghum, soybean, and all other (including sunflower seeds for 1980-1981).

Source: USDA Grain Market News; Agricultural Marketing Service/Federal Covernment Inspection Service.

Figure G-3
WORLD GRAIN EXPORTS

(millions of metric tons)

Year	U.S.	Canada	Argentina	Australia	Other	Total	U.S. Share in Percent
1970	29.7	13.8	7.8	8.5	13,5	73.2	40.5%
1971	28.4	17.1	7.0	10.7	12.6	75.8	37.5
1972	43.2	18.3	4.1	9.1	14.3	89.0	48.5
1973	92.9	15.6	9.0	5.1	16.9	139.4	66.6
1974	77.7	13.0	9.3	9.6	20,1	129.7	59.9
1975	83.8	14.9	7.7	11.6	19.2	137.2	61.1
1976	92.1	15.3	8.1	11.9	19.0	146.4	62.9
1977	87.7	17.4	14.8	16.6	14.8	147.3	59.5
1978	110.3	18.6	13.6	9,6	17.3	169.3	65.2
1979	120.2	16.0	15.0	14.5	16.4	182.2	66.0
1980	128.3	20.8	11.7	16,2	21.1	198.1	64.8
1981	128.8	21.5	20.1	11.6	23.8	205.9	62.6
1982	121.2	25.7	16.2	15.5	21.1	200.0	60.6
1983e	119.6	18.7	18.2e	15.5e	21.0e	193.0e	62.De

E = Estimated.

Source: Organization for Economic Development and Cooperation Maritime Statistics and Fearnley and Egars World Bulk Trades and Review.

Grain Exports

Figure G-2 provides a historical overview of grains that were inspected for export. World grain exports (in metric tons) are presented in Figure G-3. The figure shows that the United States has faced sharp competition from Canada, Argentina, Australia, and other nations. Although the United States' share continues to far outstrip the rest, dramatic improvements are unlikely.

Figure G-4 shows U.S. grain exports by world area destinations. It suggests that the westbound trade from Pacific, Gulf, and Atlantic ports to nations in the Pacific Rim is both more resilient and stable than the eastbound trade to the United Kingdom, Mediterranean, Eastern Europe, Africa, and the Americas.

For example, the United States' eastbound exports have been severely hampered by the declining Eastern European commerce, which fell from a high of 27 million metric tons (1979) to a low of 15 million (1982). Eastbound shipments to the United States and Europe stagnated at 20 million metric tons and then gradually declined through 1982. In addition, the world's needlest areas, India and Africa, are unlikely to increase their imports because of economic constraints. As for westbound traffic, its stability is shown by the case of the Japanese imports of American grain, which should remain around 20-23 million metric tons.

Information Sources

Figure G-5 provides one example of publicly available information. The CofE publication discloses the major grain trade routes for corn, soybeans, wheat, and grain mill products for selected years during 1970-1981. Tonnage for origin and destination pairs are shown.

In general, the greatest amount of inland transportation industry data are available for agricultural commodities. The U.S. Department of Agriculture and private companies generate hourly grain quotations and daily barge rates, grain transportation, sales, and inspection data, as well as weekly and monthly statistics. This strategic forecast has not used these for presentation to the industry, but they can provide additional timely information on the mechanics and forces of the grain transportation industry. Barge operators should analyze this information regularly.

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Figure G-4 U.S. GRAIN EXPORTS BY WORLD AREAS

1970-1981

(in thousand metric tons)

				Eastbound						Mestband			Other		lot als	
¥ 8 5 1	UK/ Cont inent	Mediter- ranean	Eastern ¹ Europe	Other Europe	Africa	Americae	Setotal	Meer East	netba! Ocean	napar	Other Fer East	Subtot al	Not Specified	Total Jons	Percent East bound	Percent Meet bound
1970	7,332	2,482	30	35	1,284	1,577	15,154	724	3,516	678'6	-2	14,069	482	29,705	51.08	47.48
1761	6,913	3,074	1,430	1,120	1,285	3,120	16,942	99	2,248	7,782	1	10,710	796	28,448	59.6	37.6
1972	7.9%	4,586	7,975	1,376	1,437	4,205	27,513	513	2,667	6,097	4,079	13,3%	2,361	43,230	63.6	20.9
1973	0,630	6,540	14,306	2,300	2,067	6,632	41,476	999	3,718	10,748	9,373	24,505	7,507	73,488	×.4	33.3
1974	15,026	8,015	4,281	2,159	2,861	7,760	40,102	1,625	5,757	14,736	7,684	29,802	7,789	77,693	51.6	39.4
1975	17,791	960'8	9,995	3,915	3,656	8,303	51,756	2,270	7,146	13,172	5,400	27,988	4,032	83,776	61.9	35.4
1976	21,798	8,329	16,056	2,718	4,502	6,782	60,185	2,027	5,468	15,234	6,216	28,945	2,959	680,26	65.4	31.4
1977	20,326	7,239	0,130	4,099	4,908	8,674	55,377	2,300	2,412	17,010	7,391	29,113	3,213	67,703	63.1	33.2
1978	19,899	8,852	18,513	3,342	7,685	13,191	71,482	2,367	0%. 4	18,004	12,442	57,373	1,396	110,251	64.8	53.9
1979	20,539	966 6	27,013	3,593	5,974	12,027	79,142	2,333	2,682	19,485	15,376	39,876	1,209	120,227	65.8	33.2
1980	16,968	12,174	16,610	4,597	915,9	20,670	77,535	2,358	2,257	23,255	20,658	48,528	2,270	128, 553	\$.09	37.8
1961	16,972	13,322	17,040	5,316	9,167	17,806	79,623	3,078	18,5	22,579	19,208	48,426	167	128,840	6.1.9	37.6
1962	16,908	14,119	119,011	5,118	7,996	12,614	71,766	3,344	3,168	20,581	21,941	49,034	\$98	121,205	59.5	3. 9.

10.5.5.R. included in Eastern Europe. $^2\mathrm{All}$ for East assigned to Japan in 1970 and 1971,

Source: OECO Maritime Transport (through 1981) original data compiled by Fearnley and Egars.

Figure G-5

MAJOR TRADE PATTERNS FOR MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM GRAIN MOVEMENTS

(millions of tons carried)

1970	1975	1980	1981	From	To
			Corn	·	
1.8	4.0	10.8	11.5	MISS-MN2MO	MISS-BR2NO
2.8	5.9	9.3	9.7	ILL	MISS-BR2NO
0.8	2.7	2.6	2.5	MISS-MN2MD	MISS-NO2MP
1.4	3.6	1.9	1.5	ILL	MISS-NO2MP
0.1	0.5	1.4	1.5	OH-LOUD	MISS-BR2NO
0.1	0.1	0.5	0.8	MISS-MO20H	MISS-BR2NO
0.7	0.5	0.7	0.7	MIN	MISS-BR2NO
3.4	2.9	3.1	4.4	All Other	All Other
					
11.2	20.2		31.1	Total	Total
			Soybean	 	,
1.4	1.3	3.5	2.6	MISS-MN2MD	MISS-BR2NO
0.8	1.1	2.0	2.1	ILL	MISS-BR2NO
1.1	1.2	2.2	1.3	MISS-OM2BR	MISS-BR2NO
0.1	0.4	1.2	1.2	OH-LOUD	MISS-BR2NO
0.4	0.8	0.5	0.8	MISS-MN2MO	MISS-NO2MP
0.4	0.6	0.4	0.7	ILL	MISS-NO2MP
0.2	0.2	0.7	0.7	MISS-MO20H	MISS-BR2NO
0.4	0.6	0.6	0.7	MISS-OH2BR	MISS-NO2MP
3.1	2.7	4.4	4.7	All Other	All Other
7.9	8.9	15.5	14.8	Total	Total
			Wheat		
0.1	0.1	0.4	0,7	MISS-OH2BR	MISS-NO2MP
0.1	0.3	0.7	1.3	MISS-OH2BR	MISS-BR2NO
_	_	0.5	0.8	MISS-MO20H	MISS-NO2MP
_	0.1	0.5	0.5	MISS-MO20H	MISS-BR2NO
0.2	0.6	0.7	0.7	MISS-MN2MD	MISS-NO2MP
0.1	0.6	0.8	1.1	MISS-MN2MD	MISS-BR2NO
_	0.3	0.3	0.5	OH-LOUD	MISS-NO2MP
2.0	4.0	3.4	4.9	All Other	All Other
2.5	5.9	7.3	10.5	Total	Total
					10041
			Other Gre	ins	
-	-	0.1	0.1	MISS-OH2BR	MISS-NO2HP
-	-	0.4	0.7	MISS-OH2BR	MISS-BR2NO
-	-	0.1	0.1	ARK	MISS-BR2NO
-	-	-	0.2	WOLF	MISS-BR2NO
•	_ •	•	0.1	OH-LOUD	MISS-BR2NO
0.5	0.3	0.3	0.4	All Other	All Other
0.5	0.3	0.9	1.6	Total	Total

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, <u>Materborne Commerce of</u>
the United States, Part 5.

COAL

Coal is the largest commodity moving on the inland river system in terms of tonnage, with grain exceeding coal in tonmiles. Figure G-6 provides an overview for 1980-1990. Columns I through 5 of this exhibit summarize the composition of exports from the river and Column 4 presents the total Mississippi River System traffic. Column 5 traces the domestic inland traffic net of exports, showing the relative stability of domestic traffic by excluding the volatile and rapid development of the export coal market in 1980 and 1981.

The figure shows that coal tonnage for the system peaked in 1981 at 130 million short tons and declined to a low of an estimated 119 million in 1983. The forecast shows that the system will recover from its currently depressed state over the remainder of the decade, so that by 1990 the traffic should reach its 1981 level, thanks to greater coal exports. By contrast, the projection for domestic coal movements to domestic consumers shows both stable and fluctuating levels of traffic that reflect the gradually increasing domestic coal consumption in the wake of the loss of coke and coal traffic and certain utility coal traffic.

Domestic and Export Trends

Although many industry-watchers assumed that the utilities' increased coal consumption would bring prosperity to the inland industry, the coal commerce patterns of the 1970s suggests that the river system may not benefit from growth in U.S. coal consumption. The reasons are twofold: first, the river system operates in a mature industrialized region that traditionally relied on coal to produce electricity, so that the level of coal demand should be unchanged. Second, in addition to serving the utility market, the inland waterway industry provided coke and coal to steel mills, which are now declining markets because of the domestic steel industry's overall malaise.

The influential role of export coal in 1980-1981 is evident, because total export levels from the Mississippi broke the record of 1.5 million tons for 1945-1979. Exports peaked in 1981 at 13.6 million tons. After 1981, traffic declined sharply both in New Orleans and Baton Rouge. Nonetheless, increased exports were projected on the assumption that even as metallurgical coal exports declined, steam coal exports from the United States to Scandinavian and Mediterranean nations will see some recovery,

once the deep draft in topping off schemes get working. However, if export coal levels do not recover along with the projected economic recovery of Europe, then the system's traffic levels will probably stagnate at 120 million tons.

Domestic Consumption

Columns 7 and 8 of Figure G-6 present the relationships between domestic traffic going to domestic consumers and the U.S.'s total consumption. In 1970-1972, approximately one ton in five that was consumed in the United States moved by barge. By 1982, this ratio had fallen to one ton in 6.3. This trend is forecast to continue, so that by 1990 only one ton in 7.1 will move to its domestic consumer by Mississippi System barge. Column 8 refines the historical ratio and carries it into the future, using a three-year rolling average.

Column 9 of this exhibit summarizes the behavior of one component of domestic consumption that moves by barge. This component is the movement of coal by inland barge to lower Mississippi ports for transloading and shipment by ocean barge to utilities in Tampa and elsewhere. As Column 9 indicates, this trade has remained relatively stable. Although the inland barge industry has won some new contracts for moving Florida-bound coal from the Ohio River to points on the Gulf Intercoastal Waterway, this will probably be offset by competition from low-cost Colombian coal, which should displace U.S. suppliers at Florida ports at some point in the 1980s. Whenever the Colombian competition gains a foothold, it is likely that the inland barge traffic levels will not stagnate.

Figure G-7 presents the historical and forecast data for U.S. coal consumption. The information covers 1970-1983 on an actual basis and is forecast through 1990. The composition of coal consumption should remain constant, with electrical utility coal slowly increasing through the end of the decade, coal plant activity recovering from its 1982 low, but coke demand not reaching the levels achieved before 1982. In addition, other industrial, residential, and commercial coal demand will probably remain stable because of stable or slowly increasing real prices of petroleum.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM TRAFFIC AND FORECAST COAL Figure G-6

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(millions of tons)

y Domestic Costwise Coal Shipments from Mississippi River Terminsisl	X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X	J
Explanator Variable Three-Year Rolling Average of Col. 7	.200 .200 .194 .194 .193 .193 .171 .166 .163 .150	.140
7 Domestic Inland Explanatory Factors (5+6)	. 197 . 194 . 208 . 208 . 203 . 203 . 191 . 196 . 166 . 166 . 150 . 150	.140
6 Total U.S. Coal Consumption ¹	515 494 520 563 563 604 625 707 733 780A	781A
5 Domestic Inland Net of Exports (4-3)	101.7 96.0 107.9 103.4 105.5 116.3 116.3 119.0 119.1 114.2 114.3	109.3
4 Mississippi River System Traffic1 (millions of tons)	102.0 96.7 108.7 108.1 106.4 115.7 116.4 117.6 106.0 121.4 123.0 130.6 121.2 118.9	127.0
3 Total	0.3 0.7 0.0 0.9 0.9 0.9 1.1 1.1 1.3 1.5 1.5 1.6 1.7 1.8	17.7
2 Exports ¹ Baton Rouge	0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0	1
1 New Orleans	0.3 0.7 0.9 0.9 0.9 1.2 1.1 1.4 1.4 1.4 1.5	•
Year	1970 1971 1972 1973 1974 1976 1977 1978 1980 1981 1983 1983 1984 1985	1990F

lu.s. Army Corps of Engineers, <u>Materborne Commerce of the United States</u>.

*Department of Energy, <u>Monthly Energy Review.</u>

E = Estimated

F = forecasted

A = Forecast from Figure G-7

Figure G-7
U.S. COAL CONSUMPTION BY USERS AND FORECAST

1970-1990

(in thousand short tons)

	Electric	Utility	Coke	Plants	Other In	dustrial	Residen Comme	tial and rcial	
Year	Tons	Percent (%)	Tona	Percent (%)	Tons	Percent (%)	Tons	Percent (%)	Total
1970	319,000	61.9	95,600	18.6	88,400	17.2	12,000	2.3	515,000
1971	326,000	66.0	83,200	16.8	73,800	14.9	11,000	2.2	494,000
1972	352,000	67.7	87,700	16.9	71,300	13.7	9,000	1.7	520,000
1973	389,212	69.2	94,101	16.7	68,154	12.1	11,117	2.0	562,584
1974	391,811	70.2	90,191	16.2	64,983	11.6	11,417	2.0	558,402
1975	405,962	72.2	83,598	14.9	63,670	11.3	9,410	1.7	562,641
1976	448,371	74.3	84,704	14.0	61,799	10.2	8,916	1.5	603,790
1977	477,126	76.3	77,739	12.4	61,472	9.8	8,954	1.4	625,291
1978	481,235	77.0	71,394	11.4	63,085	10.1	9,511	1.5	625,225
1979	527,051	77.4	77,368	11.4	67,717	10.0	8,388	1.2	680,524
1980	569,274	81.0	66,657	9.5	60,347	8.6	6,451	0.9	702,730
1981	596,797	81.5	61,014	8.3	67,395	9.2	7,421	1.0	732,627
1982	593,666	84.0	40,908	5.8	64,097	9.1	8,240	1.2	706,911
1983	625,211	84.9	43,800	5.9	65,980	9.0	8,448	1.1	736,672
1984F	632,500	82.9	49,500	7.2	67,000	8.8	8,000	1.1	757,000
1985F	643,900	82.5	53,000	7.5	70,000	9.0	8,000	1.0	774,900
1986F	645,700	82.3	54,500	7.7	70,000	8.9	8,000	1.0	778,200
1990F	644,100	82.4	59,500	7.6	70,000	9.0	8,000	1.0	781,200

F = Forecast

Source: DOE Monthly Energy Review; Energy Information Administration (1970-1983). TBS analysis of Data Resources Inc. data (1984-1990).

Coal Indicators

As background information for the inland barge industry, this Appendix provides several key coal indicators. Figure G-8 summarizes the U.S. coal industry for 1970-1983. Domestic production peaked in 1982 at 838 million tons, declining to 784 million tons in 1983. Exports grew steadily between 1978-1981 from 41 to 113 million short tons, while stocks fluctuated by as much as 100 million tons, ranging between a low of about 63 days in late 1974 and a high of 106 days in late 1980. Stocks of coal will continue to fluctuate with every new United Mine Workers agreement and each export contract.

Figure G-9 examines the composition of U.S. electrical generation by primary energy source, showing coal's historical high of 54.5 percent of the total kilowatts generated in 1983. Coal generation is forecast to remain stable over the rest of the decade. By contrast, petroleum generation should grow although petroleum's performance will be significantly below its percentage and absolute volume of kilowatts generated during the late 1970s. This reflects the maturity of the coal generating power plant inventory and the utilities' use of petroleum and alternative sources of power to meet the forecasted, slowly increasing demand for electric power.

Figure G-10 examines coal's efficiency in producing electricity. Since 1977, the industry has produced approximately 2,000 kilowatt hours of electricity per ton of coal. It is assumed that this level will continue through the end of the 1980s.

Figure G-ll examines the roles of coke and coal in domestic steel production. The tonnage of coke and coal required declined sharply, from .7 coking tons per production ton in 1970 to .48 in 1983. The reasons are: (1) the increased use of more modern furnaces, (2) the introduction of regional electric furnaces, and (3) the steel industry's reliance on the most efficient, lowest cost mills during the recent recession.

For the remainder the 1980s, it is assumed that the rate of consumption will stay at a half ton of coking coal per ton of steel production. Column 4 of Figure G-11 presents the DRI forecast index of steel production and compares it to that of the Statistical Abstract of the United States. Since the two sources are very close, clearly the DRI index has an enviable track record, and should be a worthwhile resource.

Figure G-8
SUMMARY OF U.S. COAL SITUATION
1970-1983

(in thousand short tons)

Year	Production	Domestic Consumption	Imports	Exports	Export Percentage of Production	Stocks	Days ¹ Stock
1970	613,000	515,000	36	71,000	11.6	NA.	NA.
1971	561,000	494,000	111	57,000	10.2	NA NA	NA.
1972	602,492	520,000		55,997	9.3	117,442	82
1973	598,568	562,584	127	53,587	9.0	104,335	68
1974	610,023	558,402	2,080	60,661	9,9	96,323	63
1975	654,641	562,641	940	66,309	10.1	128,050	83
1976	684,913	603,790	1,203	60,021	8.8	134,438	81
1977	697,205	625,291	1,647	54,312	7.8	157,098	92
1978	670,164	625,225	2,953	40,714	6.1	145,551	85
1979	781,134	680,524	2,059	66,042	8.5	181,646	97
1980	829,700	702,730	1,194	91,742	11.1	204,028	106
1981	823,775	732,627	1,043	112,541	13.7	185,274	92
1982	838,112	706,911	742	106,277	12.8	195,254	101
1983	784,865	736,672	1,271	77,772	9.3	168,654	84

Source: Department of Energy, Monthly Energy Review.

Figure G-9

ELECTRICITY GENERATION BY PRIMARY ENERGY SOURCES U.S. HISTORY AND FORECAST

1970-1990

(million kilowatt-hours)

Year	Coel	Petroleum	Other	JQIND49&G All Fuel Total	Coal ¹ Percentage (%)	Petroleum ² Percentage (%)
1973	847,651	314,343	698,716	1,860,710 1,867,140 1,917,649 2,037,696 2,124,323 2,206,331 2,247,372 2,286,439 2,294,812 2,241,211 2,310,285	45.6%	16.9
1974	828,433	300,931	737,776		44.4	16.1
1975	852,786	289,095	775,768		44.5	15.1
1976	944,391	319,988	773,317		46.3	15.7
1977	985,219	358,179	780,925		46.4	16.9
1978	975,742	365,060	865,529		44.2	16.5
1979	1,075,037	303,525	868,810		47.8	13.5
1980	1,161,562	245,994	878,883		50.8	10.8
1981	1,203,203	206,421	885,188		52.4	9.0
1982	1,192,004	146,797	902,410		51.8	6.4
1983	1,259,424	144,499	906,362		54.5	6.3
1984F		146,987	997,583	2,407,619	52.5	6.1
1985F		145,270	1,029,199	2,462,200	52.3	5.9
1986F		135,151	1,076,249	2,502,800	51.6	5.4
1990F		194,691	1,184,148	2,667,000	48.3	7.3

 $^{1}\mathrm{DRI}$ EUF % COAL. $^{2}\mathrm{DRI}$ EUF % PET.

F = Forecasted

Source: Coal, Petroleum, and Other Consumption by TBS analysis of DOE Monthly Energy Review, Energy Information Administration (1970-1983).

JQIND49&G time series from Data Resources Inc. (1984-1990).

Figure G-10

ANALYSIS OF ELECTRIC UTILITY

COAL CONSUMPTION EFFICIENCY AND FORECAST

Year	Coal Kilowatt-Hours Millions ^l	Com1 Tons for Electricity ²	Kilowatt-Hours Per Ton
1973	847,651	389.2	2,180
1974	828,433	391.8	2,110
1975	852.786	406.0	2,100
1976	944,391	448.4	2,110
1977	985,219	477.1	2,070
1978	975,742	481.2	2,030
1979	1,075,037	527.1	2,040
1980	1,161,562	569.3	2,040
1981	1,203,203	596.8	2,020
1982	1,192,004	593.7	2,010
1983	1,259,424	625.2	2,014
1984F	1,265,049	632,5	2,000
1985F	1,287,731	643.9	2,000
1986F	1,291,400	645.7	2,000
1990F	1,288,161	644.1	2,000

¹Source: Figure G-9. ²Source: Figure G-7.

F = Forecasted.

Figure G-11
U.S. COKING COAL
HISTORY AND FORECAST

	l Coking Tons Coal (millions)	2 U.S. Steel ¹ Production (millions short)	3 (1+2) Coking Tons per Production Ton	4 DRI Iron ² and Steel Production Index ¹	5 (2+4) Explanatory Factor
1970	95.6	132	.72	1.065	123.9
1971	83.2	120	.69	.951	126.2
1972	87.7	133	. 66	1.072	124.1
1973	94.1	151	.62	1.231	122.7
1974	90.2	146	.62	1.217	120.0
1975	83.6	117	.71	.967	121.0
1976	84.7	128	.66	1.052	121.7
1977	77.7	125	.62	1,021	122.4
1978	71.4	137	.52	1.140	120.2
1979	77.4	136	.57	1.147	118.6
1980	66.7	112	.60	.945	118.5
1981	61.0	121	.50	1.023	118.3
1982	40.9	74	.55	.622	118.5
1983F	43.8	92	.48	.739	118.5
1984F	49.5	99	.50	.839	118.5
1985F	53.0	106	.50	.897	118.5
1986F	54.5	109	.50	.916	118.5
1990F	1	119	.50	1.003	118.5

 $^{^{1}\}mbox{Source:}$ Statistical Abstract of the United States. $^{2}\mbox{DRI indicator JQIND331.}$

F = Forecasted.

Origins and Destinations

Finally, Figure G-12 presents the summary of coal origins and destinations, drawn from CofE statistics. It identifies the major port piers so that operators can examine both actual traffic and long-term trends.

CRUDE_OIL

Figure G-13 presents the historical and forecast information on crude oil traffic on the Mississippi River System. The figure reveals a close correlation betwen Mississippi crude oil traffic and the volume of crude oil production in Petroleum Area Defense District III (PADD III), which comprises the Gulf states and their offshore regions. Between 1970-1979 this relationship was extremely close. Since then, however, the demand for river traffic dropped faster than PADD III crude production, primarily because of the increasing use of pipelines to carry crude oil.

The figure shows that PADD III crude production has been declining steadily since 1972, despite the crude oil price increases, deregulation of crude oil prices, and record levels of offshore drilling during the late 1970s. This decline should continue at the rate of approximately five percent a year. The forecasted ratio of barge traffic to PADD III production, which is the average of 1981-1982, will remain constant. Therefore, as production declines, so will the associated barge traffic.

PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

Refinery Overview

To analyze properly the petroleum products trade for the inland waterways, one must examine the nation's energy policy, rate of energy consumption, and other specific indicators. The petroleum products trade is segmented into two major categories: dirty products (residual fuel oil, asphalt, tar, pitch, and crude tars) and clean products (all other basic petroleum fuels).

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Figure G-12 $\dot{}$ MAJOR TRADING PATTERNS FOR MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM COAL MOVEMENT (millions of tons)

1970	1975	1980	1981	From	To	Primary	Secondary
22.2	19.2	15.0	12.1	MON	MON	Steel	Utility
0.4	-	2.8	7.7	OH-LUUD	OH-HUND	Utility	Industry
2.8	5.3	6.4	6.1	OH-LOUD	OH-LOUD	Utility	Industry
0.1	-	5.8	6.1	MISS-MO20H	MISS-OH2BR	Utility	Industry
3.5	1.9	4.8	5.7	OH-HUND	OH-PITD	Steel	Industry
7.3	6.1	7.3	5.5	MON	OH-PITD	Steel	Utility
9.1	8.1	4.9	5.4	GREEN	OH-LOUD	Utility	Industry
4.9	4.5	4.7	4.9	OH-PITD	OH-PITO	Steel	Utility
_	5.7	5.2	4.5	OH-LOUD	CUMB	Utility	Industry
4.9	5.1	4.8	4.4	ILL	CHIC	Utility	Industry
0.6	0.1	4.2	4.2	OH-HUND	OH-LOUD	Utility	Industry
3.2	2.3	3.8	4.1	OH-HUND	MON	Steel	Utility
0.4	0.5	1.2	4.1	OH-LOUD	MISS-NO2MP	Export	Utility
3.9	2.1	1.5	3,7	TENN	TENN	Utility	Industry
3.2	2.0	2.8	3.7	KAN	OH-HUND	Utility	Industry
1.4	6.5	2.9	3.2	OH-HUND	OH-HUND	Utility	Industry
3.1	2.8	2.4	2.4	GREEN	MISS-NO2MP	Export	
2.8	2.6	2.5	2.3	MISS-MO20H	MISS-MN2MO	Utility	Industry
l -	1.9	2.5	2.2	OH-PITD	TENN	Utility	Industry
2.6	4.5	2.7	2.1	OH-PITD	OH-HUND	Utility	Industry
-	-	2.8	2.0	MISS-MO20H	TENN	Utility	Industry
-	0.7	1.4	1.6	OH-LOUD	ESCAM	Utility	
-	1.9	1.5	1.4	MISS-MN2MO	MISS-MN2MO	Utility	Industry
0.7	1.4	1.3	1.3	OH-PITD	OH-LOUD	Utility	Steel
0.1	0.1	1.4	1.3	KAN	OH-PITD	Steel	Utility
 -	-	1.1	1.1	OH-LOUD	WOLF	Utility	Industry
24.8	24.3	25.3	27.5	All Others	All Others	 	
102.0	115.7	123.0	130.6	Totals		İ	

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, <u>Waterborne Commerce of the United States</u>, Part 5.

Figure G-13 MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM TRAFFIC AND FORECAST CRUDE OIL

Year	l Mississippi River Crude Oil Traffic (millions of short tone)	2 PADD III Crude Oil Production ² (millions of BBls)	3 1 + 2 Explanatory Factor ³
		30207	
1970	25.8	2375.2	.0109
1971	26.2	2366.7	.0111
1972	29.3	2393.6	.0122
1973	25.1	2313.0	.0109
1974	19.1	2178.8	.0088
1975	21.6	2044.1	.0106
1976	21.1	1967.0	.0107
1977	18.8	1869.5	.0106
1978	20.5	1772.3	.0116
1979	17.6	1662.8	.0106
1980	15.0	1594.3	.0094
1981	13.8	1539.3	.0090
1982	14.0	1558.0	.0090
1983F	13.2	1480	.0090
1984F	12.7	1406	.0090
1985F	12.0	1335	.0090
1986F	11.4	1268	.0090
1987F	10.8	1205	.0090
1988F	10.3	1144	.0090
1989F	9.8	1087	.0090
1990F	9.3	1032	.0090

¹U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, <u>Waterborne Commerce of the United States</u>, Part 2.

²Source: DOE <u>Monthly Petroleum Supply Annuals</u> to 1982. After 1982, 5% annual decrease forecasted.

3 = Forecasted factor is average of 1981 and 1982.

F = Forecasted.

Dirty Products

Figure G-14 summarizes the production and transportation of dirty fuels on the Mississippi River System. The traffic increased from 10 million short tons in 1970 to a peak 28 million short tons in 1978. It then declined to 20 million short tons in 1982. This fluctuation mirrored PADD III refinery production. Runs increased to a peak of 2.6 billion barrels per year in 1978 (shown in Column 5). As shown by PADD III production of residual and asphalt products (Column 7), the production of these heavy, dirty-fuels products increased from 96 million barrels in 1970 to 300 million barrels in 1978, before declining by more than one third to 174 million barrels in 1983.

Although the correlation between Mississippi River dirty traffic and PADD III residual and ashpalt production has varied, it is a better basis for predicting traffic levels than total refinery activity. It is assumed that crude oil traffic will continue at its current level of 175 million barrels and on this basis forecast the traffic level of 17.5 million tons. Although this is below the historical 1982 level, it reflects the belief that dirty fuel production will decrease, even though overall refinery production will increase.

Clean Products

Clean products constitute the majority of U.S. and PADD III refinery output. As Figure G-15 shows, during 1970-1983, clean fuels ranged between 68-80 percent of the total refinery runs in PADD III. In recent years, clean fuels have increased from 68 to 74 percent of the total refinery production, as residual oil declined from 10 to 6 percent of the total.

Overall, the composition of refinery activity has remained remarkably stable. Gasoline continues to make up approximately 45 percent of the total production, and distillates (diesel and home heating oil) account for another 20 percent. Jet fuel and kerosene together comprise another nine percent, with all other products (including basic petrochemical feed stocks) remaining fairly constant at about 17 percent.

Because substantial refinery refittings have occurred over the last decade to accommodate the increased volumes of imported crudes, it is unlikely that the composition of refining activity will remain stable.

DRAVO MECHLING Figure G-14

MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM TRAFFIC AND FORECAST DIRTY PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

(thousands of short tons)

t Crude Tar t Crude Tar tch Oil & Gas 1,391 1,391 1,610 1,898 1,431 1,745 1,124 992 1,128 867 994 691		1		3	4	5	9	7	8
2915 2918 2811 PADD III ² 4+5 Residual Asphalt Crude Tar Refinery Runs Explanatory Fuel Tar & Pitch 0il & Gas Total ² (million bbls.) Factor 6,156 3,128 1,111 10,395 1,825 5.69 8,764 3,305 1,367 13,436 1,831 7.34 10,022 3,163 1,391 14,776 2,002 7.28 11,501 2,929 1,610 16,002 7.65 14,783 3,380 1,898 17,061 2,098 7.65 14,783 1,898 17,061 2,098 7.65 14,783 1,898 17,061 2,098 9.66 20,319 2,914 1,124 22,288 2,388 24,067 3,038 992 28,147 2,547 9.66 20,853 2,131 867 2,389 2,372 9.76 10,460 2,660 691 2			Missippissi River	r System Traffic				PADD 1112	
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8,764 3,305 1,367 13,436 1,610 1,610 1,610 2,002 7.28 10,022 3,163 1,391 14,576 2,002 7.28 11,501 2,929 1,610 16,040 2,098 7.65 14,783 3,380 1,898 17,061 2,102 8.12 14,025 3,219 1,431 18,675 2,082 8.97 17,849 2,694 1,745 22,288 2,308 9.66 20,319 2,914 1,124 24,357 2,308 9.66 20,319 2,914 1,124 24,357 2,547 9.56 24,067 3,038 992 28,147 2,547 10.05 23,052 2,131 867 23,851 2,533 10.66 20,853 2,138 20,491 2,269 9.05 17,140 2,660 691 20,491 2,269 9.08 - - - - -	1970	6,156	3,128	1,111	10,395	1,825	5.69	96	108.3
10,022 3,163 1,391 14,576 2,002 7.28 11,501 2,929 1,610 16,040 2,096 7.65 14,783 3,380 1,898 17,061 2,102 8.12 14,025 3,219 1,431 18,675 2,082 8.97 17,849 2,694 1,745 22,288 2,308 9.66 20,319 2,914 1,124 24,357 2,547 9.56 20,319 2,914 1,124 24,357 2,547 9.56 24,067 3,038 992 28,147 2,547 10.93 23,052 2,813 11,128 27,003 2,533 10.66 20,853 2,131 867 23,851 2,239 9.76 10,140 2,660 691 20,491 2,269 9.03 17,140 2,660 691 20,491 2,300 9.8 - - - 17,500 2,300 9.8	1971	8,764	3,305	1,367	13,436	1,831	7.34	100	134.4
11,501 2,929 1,610 16,040 2,098 7.65 14,783 3,380 1,898 17,061 2,102 8.12 14,025 3,219 1,431 18,675 2,082 8.97 17,849 2,694 1,745 22,288 2,308 9.66 20,319 2,914 1,124 24,357 2,547 9.56 20,319 2,914 1,124 24,357 2,547 9.56 20,319 2,914 1,124 24,357 2,547 9.56 24,067 3,038 992 28,147 2,547 9.56 20,853 2,131 867 23,851 2,533 10.06 10,65 2,128 994 21,794 2,232 9.76 17,140 2,660 691 20,491 2,269 9.03 - - - 17,400 2,300 9.8 - - - - - 9.8 -	1972	10,022	3,163	1,391	14,576	2,002	7.28	105	138.8
14,783 3,380 1,898 17,061 2,102 8.12 14,025 3,219 1,431 18,675 2,082 8.97 17,849 2,694 1,745 22,288 2,308 9.66 20,319 2,914 1,124 24,357 2,547 9.56 20,319 2,914 1,124 24,357 2,547 9.56 20,319 2,914 1,124 24,357 10.93 9.56 20,407 2,914 1,128 27,003 2,533 10.66 20,853 2,131 867 23,851 2,372 10.06 18,672 2,128 994 21,794 2,232 9.76 17,140 2,660 691 20,491 2,269 9.03 - - - 17,400 2,300 9.8 - - - 17,500 2,300 9.8 - - - 17,500 2,300 9.8 -	1973	11,501	2,929	1,610	16,040	2,098	7.65	129	124.3
14,025 3,219 1,431 18,675 2,082 8.97 17,849 2,694 1,745 22,288 2,308 9.66 20,319 2,914 1,124 24,357 2,547 9.56 24,067 3,038 992 28,147 2,547 9.56 24,067 2,914 1,124 24,357 10.93 10.93 23,052 2,823 1,128 27,003 2,533 10.66 20,853 2,131 867 23,851 2,372 10.06 18,672 2,128 994 21,794 2,232 9.76 17,140 2,660 691 20,491 2,269 9.03 - - - 17,400 2,300 9.8 - - - 17,500 2,300 9.8 - - - 17,500 2,300 9.8 - - - - 17,500 2,300 9.8	1974	14,783	3,380	1,898	17,061	2,102	8.12	173	98.6
17,849 2,694 1,745 22,288 2,308 9.66 20,319 2,914 1,124 24,357 2,547 9.56 24,067 3,038 992 28,147 2,547 9.56 23,052 2,823 1,128 27,003 2,533 10.96 20,853 2,131 867 23,851 2,372 10.06 18,672 2,128 994 21,794 2,232 9.76 17,140 2,660 691 20,491 2,269 9.03 - - - 17,400 2,300 9.8 - - - 17,500 2,300 9.8 - - - 17,500 2,300 9.8 - - 17,500 2,300 9.8	1975	14,025	3,219	1,431	18,675	2,082	8.97	138	135.3
20,319 2,914 1,124 24,357 2,547 9.56 24,067 3,038 992 28,147 2,575 10.93 23,052 2,823 1,128 27,003 2,533 10.66 20,853 2,131 867 23,851 2,372 10.06 18,672 2,128 994 21,794 2,232 9.76 17,140 2,660 691 20,491 2,269 9.03 - - - 17,500 2,300 9.8 - - - 17,500 2,300 9.8 - - - 17,500 2,300 9.8 - - - 17,500 2,300 9.8	1976	17,849	2,694	1,745	22,288	2,308	99.6	215	103.7
24,067 3,038 992 28,147 2,575 10.93 23,052 2,823 1,128 27,003 2,533 10.66 20,853 2,131 867 23,851 2,372 10.06 18,672 2,128 994 21,794 2,232 9.76 17,140 2,660 691 20,491 2,269 9.03 - - 17,400 2,300 9.8 - - 17,500 2,300 9.8 - - 17,500 2,300 9.8 - - 17,500 2,300 9.8 - - 17,500 2,300 9.8	1977	20,319	2,914	1,124	24,357	2,547	9.56	292	83.4
23,052 2,823 1,128 27,003 2,533 10.66 20,853 2,131 867 23,851 2,372 10.06 18,672 2,128 994 21,794 2,232 9.76 17,140 2,660 691 20,491 2,269 9.03 17,140 2,660 691 20,491 2,269 9.03 17,140 2,300 2,300 9.8 17,500 2,300 9.8 17,500 2,300 9.8 17,500 2,300 9.8 17,500 2,300 9.8	1978	24,067	3,038	266	28,147	2,575	10.93	300	93.8
20,853 2,131 867 23,851 2,372 10.06 18,672 2,128 994 21,794 2,232 9.76 17,140 2,660 691 20,491 2,269 9.03 17,140 2,300 2,300 9.8 - - 17,500 2,300 9.8 - - 17,500 2,300 9.8 - - 17,500 2,300 9.8 - - 17,500 2,300 9.8	1979	23,052	2,823	1,128	27,003	2,533	10.66	295	91.5
18,672 2,128 994 21,794 2,232 9.76 17,140 2,660 691 20,491 2,269 9.03 17,140 2,300 9.8 - - 17,500 2,300 9.8 - - 17,500 2,300 9.8 - - 17,500 2,300 9.8 - - 17,500 2,300 9.8	1980	20,853	2,131	198	23,851	2,372	10.06	263	7.06
17,140 2,660 691 20,491 2,269 9.03 - - - 17,400 2,300 9.8 - - - 17,500 2,300 9.8 - - - 17,500 2,300 9.8 - - 17,500 2,300 9.8 - - 17,500 2,300 9.8	1981	18,672	2,128	866	21,794	2,232	9.76	219	99.5
17,400 2,300 9.8 17,500 2,300 9.8 17,500 2,300 9.8 17,500 2,300 9.8	1982	17,140	2,660	169	20,491	2,269	9.03	202	101.4
17,500 2,300 9.8 17,500 2,300 9.8 17,500 2,300 9.8	1983F	,	ł	•	17,400	2,300	8.6	174	100
- 17,500 2,300 9.8 - 17,500 2,300 9.8	1984F	,	ı	1	17,500	2,300	9.8	175	100
- 17,500 2,300 9.8	1985F	,	•	1	17,500	2,300	9.6	175	100
	1990F	-	,	,	17,500	2,300	9.8	175	700

lsource: USACE:WCUS-Far* 2. Source: DOE, Monthly Petraleum Supply. (1970-1982)

E = Estimated.
F = Forecasted.

Figure G-15 PADO III REFINERY SLATE (WITH PERCENT OF TOTAL)

(millions of barrels)

Year	Gasoline	Distillates	Residual	Jet Fuel	Kerosine	Asphalt	All Other	Total	Clean Fuels	
1970	1 -	, –	60 (3)	_	55 (3)		-	_	1 -	
1971	848 (46)	388 (21)	61 (3)	132 (7)	52 (3)	39 (2)	311 (17)	1,831 (100)	1,420 (78)	
1972		_	65 (3)		\sim		_	_	_	
1973	_	_	_	_	$\overline{}$	-	_	_	_	
1974		_			34 (2)	-	-	_	_	
1975	_	_	_	_	$\overline{}$	_	_	_	_	
1976		_	_		\sim		_	_	_	_
1977	_	_	258 (10)	165 (6)	(T) 88	_	_	_	_	
1978		_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	
1979	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	
1980		_	_		_	-	_	_	_	
1981	_	_	_	_	29 (1)	_	_	_	_	_
1982	_	_	_		_	-	_	_	_	_
1983E	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	2,210 (100)	_	

Source: OOE Petroleum Supply Annual (1970-1983).

E = Estimated.

Figure G-16 summarizes the prospects for Mississippi River System clean fuels traffic. Here, the total volume of clean fuel is represented by gasoline, jet fuel, kerosene, distillate fuel oil, lube oil, naptha solvents, and liquified gases. Clean fuel volume ranged betwen 32 million short tons in 1982 to nearly 41 in 1977, after which the traffic declined steadily. What's more, PADD III's production of clean fuel products also fell, although not as dramatically. The forecast predicts that clean fuel production will remain relatively stable for the rest of this decade: despite the continuing conservation and conversion to alternative fuel sources, the economy should also keep expanding, thereby forestalling any decreases in the demand for clean fuels.

CHEMICAL AND AROMATICS TRAFFIC

Figure G-17 displays the historical and forecast data on traffic for chemical and aromatic trades. This category includes sodium hydroxide, the petrochemical products alcohol, benzine, toluene, and basic chemicals and products. The forecast relied on the DRI basic chemicals production index, which has proven itself an accurate indicator of chemical traffic. Because the outlook for chemical production and, consequently, traffic is strong the forecast calls for a recovery in 1984-1990, leading to a net growth above the 1979 peak.

Despite the recent growth in the chemical industry, the forecast predicts that trade will outstrip the peak historical levels, but not until the mid-1990s, so that growth between 1985-1990 will be slight.

The exhibit also shows that between 1970-1982, the last of which was a recession year, the net increase in traffic in this category was three percent. Between 1970-1979, the last of which was the peak year, growth was 27 percent, compared to the growth in the chemical industry's output, an impressive 63 percent. Since the barge industry's growth was less spectacular, its future increases will continue as the chemical industry expands but at a slower pace.

FERTILIZER TRAFFIC REPORT

Figure G-18 presents a forecast for fertilizer traffic on the Mississippi River System. The historical data show significant growth between 1970 and the peak year, 1980. During this period, the system's fertilizer tonnage more than doubled, in line with a 33 percent increase in fertilizer tonnage.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM TRAFFIC AND FURECAST CLEAN PETROLEUM PRODUCTS Figure G-16

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Millions of Short Tons

				Mississippi System Traffic	System Traf	'f1c			2			
	1162	2162	2913	2914	2916	2917	1262		Refinery Rune ²	791	Clean Fuels	
				Dietillete		Napthe &	Liquefied	7	(millione of	Explanatory	(millions	Explanatory
Year	Gesoline	Jet Fuel	Kerosene	Fue!	Lube Oil	Solvente		Total	berrels)	Factors	of berrels)	Factor
1970	24,017	1,579	1,613	6.476	1.566	666	850	37,100	1,825	20.33	1.460	25.4
1971	24,849	1,672	8	7,327	1,554	959	756	38,107	1,831	20.81	1.420	26.8
1972	22,609	1,634	828	8,791	1,513	1,064	1,208	37,647	2,002	19.80	1,561	24.1
1973	21,227	1,539	281	9,707	1,638	1,163	1,208	37,063	2,098	17.67	1,610	33.0
1974	20,099	2,652	9	10,217	1,836	1,255	992	36,305	2,102	17.27	1,565	23.2
1975	20,642	1,336	357	10,343	1,603	688	1,029	36,199	2,082	17.39	909,1	22.5
9261	19,827	1,636	415	12,543	1,773	1,159	1,167	38,517	2,306	16.69	107,1	22.6
1977	20,318	1,709	483	13,198	2,020	2,199	786	40,911	2,57	16.06	1,620	22.5
1978	18,739	1,38	35	11,732	2,048	2,245	88	37,708	2,575	14.64	1,002	20.6
1979	17,386	1,451	Ī	11,039	2,040	2,493	827	111,21	2,533	14.12	1,738	20.6
1960	17,647	1,854	417	10,825	2,304	2,360	716	35,924	2,372	15.15	1,609	22.3
186	16,679	1,924	349	10,200	1,708	2,101	886	33,949	2,232	15.11	1,883	21.4
1982	15,208	2,048	555	9,397	1,725	1,712	853	31,598	5,269	13.93	1,680	18.8
19835	•	,		٠	1	•	•	31,190	2,210	14.11	1,642	19.0
1984F	•	,		,	,		,	31,350	2,300	14.90	1,680	19.0
1985F	,	,	•	•	•	•	•	31,350	2,300	14.80	1,650	19.0
1990r	•	1	,	,	•	•	•	31,350	2,300	14.80	1,650	19.0
												l

Figure G-17 MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM TRAFFIC AND FORECAST CHEMICALS AND AROMATICS

Year	l Mississipi System Chem- ical Tons ¹ (millions- short)	2 U.S. Dept. Commerce Chemical Production Index ²	3 DRI Basic Chemicals ⁴	4 (1+2) Explanatory Factor 1	5 (1+3) Explanatory Factor 2
1970 1971 1972 1973 1974 1975 1976 1977 1978 1979 1980 1981 1982 1983F 1984F 1985F 1986F 1987F	15.0 15.6 16.3 15.0 16.9 14.8 15.2 16.3 17.1 19.1 18.7 17.8 15.5 17.0 18.7 19.4 20.0 21.4	120 126 144 155 159 147 171 186 197 212 207 216 196	1.179 1.236 1.377 1.477 1.533 1.360 1.617 1.718 1.818 1.921 1.875 1.869 1.573 1.750 1.928 1.999 2.064 2.203 2.385	.125 .124 .113 .097 .106 .101 .089 .088 .087 .090 .090 .082 .080	12.7 12.6 11.8 10.2 11.0 10.9 9.4 9.5 9.4 9.9 10.0 9.5 9.7 9.7 9.7 9.7 9.7
1989F 1990F	21.7 20.9	-	2.235 2.158	- -	9.7 9.7

1 Source: USACE-WCUS Part 2.
2 Source: DOE <u>Statistical Abstract of the United States</u>. (1970-1982)
3 Source: DOE/TBS forecast 1983 onward.
4 DRI JQIND281 and March 1984 CycleLong.

E = Estimated. F = Forecasted.

Figure G-18 MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM TRAFFIC AND FORECAST

FERTILIZER

Year	l Mississippi River System Fertilizer Movements ¹ (millions of short tons)	2 All U.S. Fertilizer Consumption ² (millions of tons)	3 DRI Index of Production for Agricultural Chemicals (1967 = 1.000)	4 Explanatory Factor (1+3)
1970	3.9	39.6	1.079	.098
1971	4.5	39.9	1.035	.113
1972	6.5	39.9	1.089	.163
1973	5.9	41.8	1.270	.141
1974	6.5	47.1	1.447	.138
1975	6.2	42.5	1.641	.146
1976	6.0	49.2	1.854	.122
1977	7.0	51.6	2.012	.136
1978	7.1	47.5	2.118	.149
1979	7.6	51.5	2,216	.148
1980	8.4	52.8	2.307	.159
1981	7.3	54.0	2,415	.135
1982	6.5	48.7	2,087	.133
1983F	6.3	45.1	1,932ª	.14
1984F	6.7	48.0	2.056 ^a	.14
1985F	7.3	51.9	2.223 ⁸	.14
1986F	7.7	55.0	2,357 ⁸	.14
1987F	8.2	58,7	2,514 ^a	.14
1988F	8.7	62.0	2.657 ^a	.14
1989F	8.9	63.8	2,734 ⁸	.14
1990F	9.3	66.6	2,855ª	.14

¹Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, <u>Waterborne Commerce of</u> the United States, Part 2 (phosphate rock, nitrogenous chemical fertilizers, fertilizers and materials, n.e.c., and lime).

Data Resources, Inc., U.S. Long Term Review, Winter 1983-84,

F = Forecasted.

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Source: DOC, Statistical Abstract of the United States,

(FEA), p. 670.

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The forecast indicates that the river system will experience gradual increases as national fertilizer production increases. For the purposes of this forecast, the United States' tonnage was used with the assumption that one ton of fertilizer in seven will move on the Mississippi River System. This ratio has been relatively stable for more than a decade. Despite changes in the pricing structure and regulation of the railroad industry, fertilizer traffic on the Mississippi System should not feel their effects. Thus, the historically stable ratio should remain so for the long term.

Other factors contribute to the traffic's stability. Although, for instance, the increasing efficiencies of fertilizer production tend to reduce tonnages, these reductions should be offset to some degree by the increasing demands for fertilizer. Since fertilizer plays a significant role as a northbound backhaul commodity from the lower Mississippi River, the continued stability of fertilizer traffic will ensure that the barge industry retains this source, which amounts to one ton for every ten downbound tons of export grain. However, because of this ratio imbalance, it is unlikely that fertilizer growth will give carriers an opportunity to use fertilizer to absorb all their northbound-cycle costs.

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This category includes cement, limestone, stone, sand stone, gravel, and shell. The majority of this tonnage traditionally moved short distances in private barge fleets because sand and stone is dredged from certain rivers and transported by deck barge to riverside terminals. For this reason, the ton-miles associated with these materials tend to be smaller in relation to total ton-miles than the tonnage has been in relation to total system tons.

Historical and Forecast Traffic

Figure G-19 presents the historical and forecast Mississippi System construction material tonnage and the key DRI combined structures expressed in 1972 dollars for 1970-1990. Construction materials commerce should recover from a 1982 low of 32 million tons to a 1988 high of 49.5 million tons.

Figure G-19 also demonstrates the cyclical nature of this traffic. Between 1970-1982, it varied between 46 million tons in 1978 and 32 million tons in 1982. This range of traffic levels strongly correlates with the indices of overall construction activity, but it tends to be more volatile than the key indicators suggest.

In developing this forecast, the historical data was analyzed for the key states in the river system as well as the national construction information. The detailed information on the key states generally indicated somewhat of a correlation to river traffic.

Key states construction (presented in Column 2) is expressed in 1972 dollars and ranged between 34.8 billion dollars in 1978 and 20.6 billion dollars in 1982. By contrast, total U.S. construction (also in 1972 dollars) ranged from a high of 108 billion dollars in 1973 to a low of 78.8 billion dollars in 1975.

The relationship between Mississippi System construction and national construction is slightly closer than between the rivers and the key states. The reasons include fluctuating patterns, sand and gravel recovery from both rivers and shoreside locations, changing patterns and locations of construction sites, and varying levels of shell, cement, and limestone transportation traffic, which responds to commodity prices.

Note that limestone is classed as a construction material, although the utility and agricultural industries also use it. Because the CofE data make no distinctions for different uses, it is impossible to make accommodations other than by including limestone here, as a mine mineral.

Construction Activity

Because construction activity affects barge traffic in construction materials, it is important to keep abreast of the construction industry's history and be on the lookout for new trends. Column 3 of figure G-20 calculates the total value of residential and nonresidential structures built in the United States (in 1972 dollars). This total was compared to the MacGraw Dodge historical total construction levels, which appears in the Statistical Abstract of the United States. Using the information in Column 5, it is easy to see that DRI's and MacGraw Dodge's values do not coincide precisely. However, the DRI nonresidential and residential structural forecasts were used. As Column 3 indicates, construction should recover in 1983-1984 and grow slowly from 1985 onward.

Figure G-19 MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM TRAFFIC AND FORECAST

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

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	Miss. Systems	2	~		\$
	Construction	Key States	1 + 2		1 + 4
	National	Construction	Explanatory		Explanatory
	Tons (millions)	\$1972 (billions)	Factor	\$1972 (billions)	Factor
1970	40.5	23.6	1.72		.484
1971	44.5	17.7	1.61	95.2	.467
1972	41.9	27.5	1.52	106.4	.394
1973	42.5	30.4	1.40	108.0	,394
1974	43.4	26.0	1.67	0.0%	.482
1975	38.5	22.4	1.72	78.8	687*
1976	38.2	28.0	1.36	89.0	.429
1977	40.5	29.6	1.37	99.2	. 408
1978	9.44	34.8	1.28	105.1	.424
1979	46.3	32.3	1.43	106.2	.436
1980	37.4	23.3	1.61	93.7	.399
1981	33.4	20.7	19.1	94.5	.353
1982	32.0	20.6	1.55	91.5	.350
1983F	36.3		1	100.7	.360
1984F	41.1	•	•	111.0	.370
1985F	42.1	•	•	110.9	. 380
1986F	44.8	,	1	114.8	390
1987F	9.87	,	•	121.4	07.
1988F	49.5	,	•	123.7	04.
1989F	45.2	,	•	113.1	04.
1990F	46.6	,	•	116.6	07.
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E = Estimated.
F = Forecasted.

(Note: Col. 1 forecast is col. 4 \times col. 5. See Figure G-20 for derivation of col. 4.)

Source: DOC Statistical Abstract of the U.S., F.W. Dodge original data.

Figure G-20

UNITED STATES

HISTORICAL AND FORECAST CONSTRUCTION

_	1	2	3	4	2
	Non-Residential	Residential ²	1+2		4 + 3
	Structures	Structures	Total Structures	McGraw Dodge ³	
	(billion \$ 1972)	(billion \$ 1972)	(billion \$ 1972)	(billion \$ 1972)	Percent
1970	43.9	39.8	63.7	74.6	89.1
1971	42.8	52.4	95.2	77.0	80.9
1972	44.1	62.3	106.4	83,3	78.3
1973	47.4	9.09	108.0	93.9	6.98
1974	43.6	46.4	90.0	81.3	90.3
1975	38.2	9.04	78.8	71.5	7.06
1976	39.5	49.5	89.0	83.2	93.5
1977	40.4	58.8	99.2	93.6	100.6
1978	44.6	60.5	105.1	105.3	100.2
1979	49.1	57.1	106.2	102.9	6.96
1980	48.5	45.2	93.7	83.0	88.6
1981	51.6	42.9	94.5	78.6	83.2
1982	53.1	38.4	91.5	74.8	81.7
1983F	49.8	50.9	100.7	;	84.0
1984F	52.4	58.6	111.0	•	84.0
1985F	55.5	55.4	110.9	1	84.0
1986F	58.1	56.6	114.8	!	84.0
1987F	60.5	6.09	121.4	;	84.0
1988F	63.0	7.9	123.7	1	84.0
1989F	65.4	47.7	113.1	-	84.0
1950F	67.7	48.	116.6	!	84.0
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Figure G-21 covers 1970-1982 construction activity in the key states (Illinois, Ohio, and Pennsylvania) of the Mississippi River System. When adjusted to 1972 dollars, strong cyclical forces are evident. 1982 activity was more than 50 percent below the peak of 1978. The figure also shows where the majority of construction occurred. Figure G-22 compares the construction levels in the key states to the national level. These key states' share of national activity has been fairly stable, at about 30 percent, with recession year decreases to a bottom of 26 percent.

WATERWAY IMPROVEMENT MATERIALS FORECAST

Waterway improvements materials represent significant amounts of tonnage but proportionally a very small share of river ton-miles. The historical and forecast information (Figure G-23) shows an overall decline in waterway improvement tonnage over 1970-1982. The tonnage varies and largely depends on the amount of CofE dredging and riprap operations. It is assumed that the tonnages for the remainder of the decade will be about six million short tons, but also recognized that this tonnage could fluctuate. Because much of this tonnage is transported on flat deck barges and constitutes heavy riprap, the impact of this commodity's traffic on most carriers is minimal.

PROJECTION OF ALL COMMODITY TRAFFIC

In addition to the commodities discussed above, the river system moves a volume of miscellaneous commodities that includes ores, minerals, paper, lumber, steel products, sugar, salt, and a variety of other commodities. It is difficult to forecast each of these without a great deal of research into the individual factors affecting each commodity. In many cases, these commodities move from import or export locations for a small number of shippers. However, despite the diversity, the aggregate pattern for the the past 13 years is a reasonably accurate basis for this forecast.

Figure G-24 compares the river system's total tons and all other tons to those of the U.S. Gross National Product (GNP) (both historical and forecast). The relationship between the river system and GNP is clearly declining. Between 1970-1983, the ratio fell by approximately 17 percent at a steady rate. In addition, the relationship between all other tonnage and the river system dropped even faster. Between 1970 to 1982, the relationship between all other tonnage and the GNP decreased by 39 percent, which suggests that the river system has not shared in the wealth.

Figure G-21 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS IN KEY INLAND RIVER STATES

(billions of collars)

	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982
Arkansas	0.5	9.0	0.8	1.0	0.8	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.7	1.3	1.2	1.6
Illinois	3.6	4.0	4.8	4.9	4.3	3.9	8.5	5.8	7.3	7.0	5.3	4.8	4.7
Indiana	1.5	1.8	2.2	2.5	2.2	2.2	2.5	4.3	6.4	3.4	2.8	2.4	2.9
Iowa	0.7	0.8	0.8	1:1	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.5	2.2	2.4	1.5	1.3	1.3
Kansas	0.5	0.7	0.8	9.0	6.0	1.3	1.5	3.1	1.6	1.8	1.9	1.3	1.4
Kentucky	1.2	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.8	2.3	3.5	3.0	2.2	3.4	2.7
Louisiana	1.4	1.7	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.8	3.7	3.6	4.6	3.5	3.3	3.8	5.7
Minnesota	1:1	1.3	1.3	1.7	2.1	1.7	2.0	2.6	3.2	3.3	2.7	2.7	2.5
Mississippi	9.0	0.9	0.9	2.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.4	1.6	3.9	1.6	1.3	1.1
Missouri	1.2	1.7	1.4	2.0	1.8	1.6	1.6	2.7	2.8	3,1	5.6	5.6	2.4
Ohio	3.0	4.0	3.9	4.2	4.4	3.9	3.9	4.2	6.5	6.2	5.2	4.8	4.8
0klahoma	0.7	0.9	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.4	2.4	2.4	5.9	2.3	2.8	3.1
Pennsy Ivania	3.2	4.4	3.4	4.3	3.9	3.0	3.9	3.8	4.8	4.6	5.2	4.8	4.5
Tennessee	1.6	1.5	1.8	2.2	2.1	1.7	1.7	1.8	3.1	4.9	2.8	5.6	5.6
West Virginia	8.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	0.5	6.0	1.0	7.0	9.0	1.2	6.0	0.7	8.0
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Current \$	\$21.6	56.6	27.5	32.2	30.0	28.2	37.1	41.4	52.3	52.9	41.6	40.5	42.5
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\$1972	23.6	27.7	27.5	₹.5	26.0	22.4	28.0	79.6	34.8	32.3	23.3	20.7	20.6
\$1972 Adjust-		-								,			
ment Factors	.915	.961	9.1	1.058	1.152	1.258	1.324	1.400	1.504	1.637	1.787	1.952	2.068

Source: Statistical Abstract of the United States tables drawn from McGraw Hill F. W. Dodge data on Construction Potentials.

Figure G-22 ANALYSIS OF KEY INLAND STATES AND NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION

	l Key States Construction (billion \$ 1972)	2 Total U.S. (billion \$)	3 Total U.S. (billion \$1972)	4 1 + 3 Key States as % Total U.S.
1970	23.6	68.3	74.6	31.6
1971	27.7	80.2	77.0	36.0
1972	27.5	91.0	83.3	33.0
1973	30.4	99.3	93.9	32.4
1974	26.0	93.7	81.3	32.0
1975	22.4	90.0	71.5	31.3
1976	28.0	110.1	83.2	33.7
1977	29.6	139.7	99.8	29.7
1978	34.8	158.4	105.3	33.0
1979	32.3	168.4	102.9	31.4
1980	23.3	148.4	83.0	28.1
1981	20.7	153.5	78.6	26.8
1982E	20.6	154.6	74.8	27.5

¹Source Figure G-21.

E = Estimated. F = Forecasted.

Figure G-23

MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM TRAFFIC AND FORECAST
WATERWAYS IMPROVEMENT MATERIALS

	Water Improvement Tons (millions)	Three-Year Rolling Average Tons (millions)
1970	8.9	-
1971	8.2	8.3
1972	7.7	8.4
1973	9.2	9.6
1974	11.8	9.8
1975	8.5	9.2
1976	7.4	7.6
1977	6.9	7.8
1978	9.2	8.0
1979	7.9	7.6
1980	5.8	6.0
1981	4.4	_
1982	4.7	_
1983E	6.0	•
1984F	6.0	-
1985F	6.0	-
1990F	6.0	-

Source: USACE WCUS Part 2.

Figure G-24 MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM TRAFFIC AND FORECAST

ALL OTHER COMMODITI	E:	
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Year	l Mississippi ^l System Tons (millions- short tons)	2 GNP \$1972 ² Billions	3 1+2 Total Mississippi Systems Tons/\$GNP	4 All Other Commodities (millions)	5 4+2 All Other Tons/\$GNP	6 DRI Index of Industrial Production	7 4+6 All Other/ Industrial Production
1970 1971 1972 1973 1974 1975 1976 1977 1980 1981 1982 1983 1984F 1985F 1986F 1987F	297.3 303.2 326.6 317.6 330.1 330.1 345.5 352.5 355.4 370.8 365.7 362.9 347.5 348.2 360.2 36766 366.3	1,088 1,122 1,186 1,255 1,248 1,234 1,298 1,370 1,439 1,479 1,474 1,503 1,485 1,536 1,619 1,671 1,713	.273 .276 .275 .253 .265 .268 .266 .257 .247 .251 .248 .241 .234 .227 .222 .217 .214	33.3 35.1 36.5 34.0 37.1 33.5 39.1 33.0 35.9 35.8 35.5 35.9 27.7 31.0 35.7 37.1 38.3 40.4	.0306 .0313 .0308 .0271 .0297 .0271 .0301 .0249 .0249 .0242 .0241 .0239 .0187 .0221 .0227 .0227	1.078 1.096 1.197 1.297 1.293 1.178 1.304 1.381 1.461 1.525 1.470 1.509 1.386 1.478 1.624 1.686 1.739	30.0 32.0 30.5 26.2 28.7 28.4 30.0 23.9 24.6 23.5 24.2 23.8 20.0 21.0 22.0 22.0 22.0
1988F 1989F 1990F	382.6 377.2 387.1	1,818 1,872 1,929	.201 .201 .201	43,0 41,1 40,5	.0240 .0220 .0210	1.954 1.867 1.839	22.0 22.0 22.0

¹Source: USACE WCUS Part 2. 2Source: DRI-12/83.

To what extent will the river system continue to lose its share as the economy expands? One potential answer lies in DRI's forecast and historical data that describe industrial production in the United States (see Column 6). Industrial production increased significantly, reaching a peak in 1979 that was nearly 40 percent above the 1970 level. Comparison of industrial production to the river systems' all other tons reveals that the system's decrease here mirrors its decline in relation to the GNP. However, the decrease occurred primarily in the first half of the 1970s and since then it has shrunk. It is also possible that the 1982-1983 recession caused a temporary sharp decrease in river traffic in all other commodities, as U.S. exports and imports of basic commodities dropped in response to reduced factory orders. However, the continuation of the recession should stimulate the barge industry to improve marketing efforts to attract the ship-Thus the river system should be able to snare a slight pers. increase in its share. Furthermore, regulatory changes could promote intermodal transshipping of certain cargoes.

For the purposes of this forecast, it was assumed that a stable relationship will continue between the GNP and the river system. On this basis, traffic will recover along with industrial production, seeing slight growth so that by 1987 the all other category will somewhat exceed the 1976 peak. Although this forecast may prove optimistic, it is based on sound data and analysis.

FORECAST OF THE GULF INTERCOASTAL WATERWAY TRAFFIC

The Gulf Intercoastal Waterway represents an additional 10 percent of ton-miles compared to the Mississippi River System. Much of the tonnage that moves on the Gulf Intercoastal also moves on the Mississippi River System and very little of the tonnage on the Gulf Intercoastal originates and terminates on the system itself. Rather, this waterway is a conduit between major Texas ports and the Mississippi System, and between Mobile and tributaries in the Mississippi System. Traffic on the waterway is nevertheless important to the industry for several reasons. First, many carriers have specialized in providing transportation on this river system because the physical lock and channel width and depth constraints on this waterway the system absorb more equipment than its tons or ton-miles would suggest. Secondly, the Gulf Intercoastal System is particularly significant for transporating tank cargoes.

There are several obstacles to forecasting trade on the Gulf Intercoastal. Most important, it does not produce or consume significant amounts of the cargo that it carries. Secondly, its traffic does not correspond directly to the nation's economic development. However, these obstacles are not insurmountable.

Traffic Overview

Figure G-25 provides a summary of the historical and fore-cast traffic for the Gulf Intercoastal Waterway. Between 1970-1982, traffic declined by nearly 20 percent, largely led by the declines in crude oil transportation. The decreases in tonnage over this period were also affected by sharp swings in traffic, following a peak demand in 1972 when 108 million tons were transported. In contrast to the inland system, the transportation of petroleum products has remained relatively strong and is forecast to do so through the end of the 1980s. Also, a decrease in the production of marine shell, which is used in concrete production along the Gulf Coast, accounted for significant tonnage declines. Coke and chemical aromatics traffic increased, as did the tonnages of coal, which should increase further with the startup of power stations in the Florida panhandle.

The forecasting of Gulf Intercoastal traffic is presented in a series of exhibits (Figures G-26-G-34) that cover the major traffic categories. The forecast is conservative by not acknowledging that net increases in coal consumption could occur in response to decisions by Texas and Florida utilities to increase conversions and therefore would rely on riverborne delivery.

Figure G-25 SUMMARY OF GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY TRAFIC AND FORECAST

ALL COMMODITIES

(millions of short tons)

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				Petroleum	Construction	i	Non-Metallic	Chemicals &	All Other
	GIWW Total	Coal	Crude Oil	Products	Materials	Coke	Minerals	Aromatics	Commodities
1970	2.66	1.9	31.8	20.2	15.3	.3	6.4	9.2	15.6
1761	105.2	2.9	33.0	23.9	14.9	4.	8.4	9.1	16.2
1972	108.1	4.9	32.3	23.5	14.7	4.	5.0	10.6	16.7
1973	100.1	4.4	27.5	22.6	15.1	٠,	4.2	6.6	15.9
1974	103.0	4.9	25.2	25.6	13.7	.7	6.4	5.4	22.6
1975	96.4	4.3	24.6	24.0	12.3	9.	4.7	9.7	10.2
1976	96.5	4.8	24.2	25.4	10.2	٠,	5.0	10.8	15.6
1977	104.3	4.2	24.7	30.9	10.2	æ	4.5	11.4	17.6
1978	101.4	4.0	22.9	28.9	9.6	.7	5.0	12.8	17.5
1979	9.86	5.0	20.0	33.3	8.0	æ	4.3	13.3	11.9
1980	94.1	5.1	17.5	29.8	8.4	1.2	4.2	12.0	15.9
1981	90.0	4.6	15.2	30.1	7.3	1.3	3.4	11.9	16.2
1982	90.6	4.0	15.6	29.6	9.9	1.0	4.0	10.0	9.6
1983F	87.1	4.9	14.8	27.3	9.9	1.3	3.9	11.4	16.91
1984F	87.8	4.8	13.6	27.5	6.3	1.3	4.0	12.5	17.8
1985F	88.0	5.0	12.8	27.5	6.0	1.3	4.0	13.0	18.4
1986F	87.8	5.1	12.0	27.5	5.7	1.3	4.0	13.4	18.8
1987F	88.5	5.1	11.3	27.5	5.6	1.3	4.0	14.3	19.4
1988F	89.4	5.2	10.6	27.5	5.3	1.3	4.0	15.5	20.0
1989F	87.9	5.2	10.0	27.5	4.8	1.3	4.0	14.5	20.6
1990F	87.4	5.3	7.6	27.5	4.7	1.3	4.0	14.0	21.2

F = Forecasted

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterborne Commerce of the United States Part 2.

Figure G-26 GIWW TRAFFIC AND FORECAST COAL

Year	1 GIWW Coal ¹ (millions tons)	2 U.S. Coal ² Consumption (millions tons)	3 1 + 2 Explanatory Factor
1970	1.9	515.0	.0037
1971	2.9	494.0	•0059
1972	4.9	520.0	•0094
1973	4.4	562.6	.0078
1974	4.9	558.4	.0088
1975	4.3	562.6	.0076
1976	4.8	603.8	.0079
1977	4.2	625.3	.0067
1978	4.0	625.2	.0064
1979	5.0	680.5	.0073
1980	5.1	702.7	.0073
1981	4.6	732.6	•0063
1982	4.0	707.0	.0057
1983F	4.9	736.7	.0066
1984F	4.8	757.0	.0063
1985F	5.0	774.9	.0064
1986F	5.1	778.2	.0065
1990F	5.3	781.2	.0068

1 Source: USACE WCUS Part 2 (through 1981).
2 Source: Figure G-7.

Figure G-27 GIWW TRAFFIC AND FORECAST CRUDE DIL

Year	1 GIWW Crude ¹ (million tons)	2 PADO III Crude ² Production (million bbls)	3 1 + 2 Explanatory Factor
1970	31.8	2,375.2	.0134
1971	33.0	2,366.7	.0139
1972	32.3	2,393.6	.0135
1973	27.5	2,313.0	.0119
1974	25.2	2,178.8	.0116
1975	24.6	2,044.1	.0120
1976	24.2	1,967.0	.0123
1977	24.7	1,869.5	.0132
1978	22.9	1,772.3	.0129
1979	20.0	1,662.8	.0120
1980	17.5	1,594.3	.0110
1981	15.2	1,539.3	.0099
1982	15.6	1,558.0	.0100
1983E	14.8	1,480	.0100
1984F	13.6	1,406	.0097
1985F	12.8	1,335	.0096
1986F	12.0	1,268	.0095
1987F	11.3	1,205	.0094
1988F	10.6	1,144	.0093
1989F	10.0	1,087	.0092
1990F	9.4	1,032	.0091

1 Source: USACE WCUS Part 2 (through 1982).
2 Source: DOE Petroleum Supply Monthly (through 1982).
After 1982, 5% annual decrease forecasted.

Figure G-28 GIWW TRAFFIC AND FORECAST PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

Year	1 GIWW Product Traffic ¹ (million tons)	2 PADD III Refinery Runs ² Distillate and Residual	3 1 + 2 Explanatory Factor
1970	20.2	452	•045
1971	23.9	449	•053
1972	23.5	489	-048
1973	22.6	528	.043
1974	25.6	561	•046
1975	24.0	536	.045
1976	25.4	661	•038
1977	30.9	802	.039
1978	28.9	768	•038
1979	33.3	748	.045
1980	29.8	644	•046
1981	30.1	584	.052
1982	29.6	617	•048
198 <i>3</i> E	27.3	546	•050
1984F	27.5	550	•050
1985F	27.5	550	.050
1990F	27.5	550	•050

¹Source: USACE <u>Part 2</u> (through 1981).

²Source: DOE <u>Petroleum Supply Monthly</u> (through 1982).

Figure G-29 ANALYSIS OF GULF COAST CONSTRUCTION AND FORECAST

Year	1 Total Const. Alabama ¹ (billion \$)	2 Total Const. Texas ¹ (billion \$)	<pre>3 1 + 2 Total (billion \$)</pre>	4 Adj. Factor (billion \$1972)	5 3 + 4 Adjusted Construction (billion \$1972)	6 DRI Total U.S. Structures ² (\$1972)	7 5 ≯ 6 Explanatory Factor
1970 1971 1972 1973 1974 1975 1976 1977 1978 1979 1980 1981 1982E 1983F 1984F 1985F 1986F 1987F	1.0 1.2 1.4 1.6 1.3 3.1 1.9 2.0 2.6 2.5 1.9 1.8	4.1 5.0 5.8 6.2 6.5 6.4 7.9 10.7 13.8 13.1 13.6 16.2	5.1 6.2 7.2 7.8 7.8 9.5 9.8 12.7 16.4 15.6 15.5 18.0	.915 .961 1.00 1.058 1.152 1.258 1.324 1.400 1.504 1.637 1.787 1.952	5.6 6.5 7.2 7.4 6.8 7.6 7.4 9.1 10.9 9.5 8.7 9.2 8.7 9.6 10.5 10.5 10.5	83.7 95.2 106.4 108.0 90.0 78.8 89.0 99.2 105.1 106.2 93.7 94.5 91.5 100.7 111.0 110.9 114.8 121.4 123.7	.067 .068 .068 .069 .076 .096 .083 .092 .104 .089 .093 .097 .095 .095 .095
1989F 1990F	- -	- -	- -	-	10.7 11.1	113.1 116.9	.095 .095

 $^{1}\text{Source:}$ DOC Statistical Abstract of the U.S., F.W. Dodge original data. $^{2}\text{Source:}$ Forecast DRI.

Figure G-30 GIWW TRAFFIC AND FORECAST MARINE SHELLS

Year	1 GIWW Marine Shells ¹ (million tons)	2 3 Year Average (million tons)	3 3 Year Average Ratio to Prior Year
1970	13.8	~=	
1971	12.9	13.0	
1972	12.3	12.7	.98
1973	12.8	12.2	.96
1974	11.5	11.4	.93
1975	9.8	9.6	.84
1976	7.5	8.4	.88
1977	7.9	7.5	.89
1978	7.0	6.8	.91
1979	5.6	6.2	.91
1980	5.9	5.0	.89
1981	5.2		.90
1982	3.9	~-	.90
1983E	4.2	~-	.90
1984F	3.8		.90
1985F	3.4	~-	•90
1986F	3.1		.90
1987F	2.8	~-	.90
1988F	2.5	~-	.90
1989F	2.2		.90
1990F	2.0		.90

1Source: USACE WCUS Part 2.

Figure G-31 GIWW TRAFFIC AND FORECAST SAND, STONE, AND GRAVEL

Year	1 GIWW Sand, Stone, and Gravel (million tons)	2 Alabama & Texas Construction ² (million \$ 1972)	3 1 → 2 Explanatory Factor
1970 1971 1972 1973 1974 1975 1976 1977 1978 1979 1980 1981 1982 1983F 1984F 1985F 1986F 1987F	1.5 2.0 2.4 2.3 2.2 2.5 2.7 2.3 2.6 2.4 2.5 2.2 1.8 2.4 2.5 2.6 2.6 2.8	5.6 6.5 7.2 7.4 6.8 7.6 7.4 9.1 10.9 9.5 8.7 9.2 8.7 9.6 10.5 10.5	.27 .31 .35 .31 .32 .33 .36 .25 .24 .25 .29 .24 .21 .24 .24
1983F 1989F 1990F	2.8 2.6 2.7	10.7	.24 .24 .24

¹Source: USACE <u>WCUS</u> Part 2.
²Source: Statistical Abstract of U.S.

Figure G-32
GIWW TRAFFIC AND FORECAST
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

	1	2	3
Year	GIWW Marine Shell ¹	GIWW Sand, Stone Gravel ¹	Total
1970	13.8	1.5	15.3
1971	12.9	2.0	14.9
1972	12.3	2.4	14.7
1973	12.8	2.3	15.1
1974	11.5	2.2	13.7
1975	9.8	2.5	12.3
1976	7.5	2.7	10.2
1977	7.9	2.3	10.2
1978	7.0	2.6	9.6
1979	5.6	2.4	8.0
1980	5.9	2.5	8.4
1981	5.2	2.2	7.4
1982	3.9	1.1	5.7
1983E	4.2	2.4	6.6
1984F	3.8	2.5	6.3
1985F	3.4	2.6	6.0
1986F	3.1	2.6	5.7
1987F	2.8	2.8	5.6
1988F	2.5	2.8	5.3
1989F	2.2	2.6	4.8
1990F	2.0	2.7	4.7

¹Source: USACE WCUS Part 2.

Figure G-33 GIWW TRAFFIC AND FORECAST CHEMICALS AND AROMATICS

	1 GIWW Chemicals Iraffic ¹	2 PADD III Aromatic and Petrochemical Runs ² (mil-	3 1 + 2	DRI Chemical	5 2 + 4
Year	(million tons)	lion bbls)	Explanatory Factor	Production Index ³	Explanatory Factor
1970 1971 1972 1973 1974 1975 1976 1977 1978 1979 1980 1981 1982E 1983F 1984F 1985F 1986F	9.2 9.1 10.6 9.9 5.4 9.7 10.8 11.4 12.8 13.3 12.0 11.9 10.0 11.4 12.5 13.0	305 311 336 359 364 338 392 435 473 500 500 428 386 438 482 500	.030 .029 .932 .028 .015 .029 .028 .026 .027 .027 .024 .028 .026 .026	1.179 1.236 1.307 1.477 1.533 1.360 1.617 1.718 1.818 1.921 1.875 1.869 1.573 1.750 1.928 1.999	258.7 251.6 244.0 243.1 237.4 248.5 242.4 253.2 260.2 260.3 266.7 229.0 245.4 250 250
1986F 1987F 1988F 1989F 1990F	13.4 14.3 15.5 14.5 14.0	516 551 596 559 540	.026 .026 .026 .026 .026	2.064 2.203 2.385 2.235 2.158	250 250 250 250 250 250

Source: USACE WCUS Part 2.

Source: DOE Petroleum Supply Monthly.

DRI JQIND281.

E = Estimated. F = Forecasted.

⁽Note: Col. 1 forecasts are Col. 2 \times Col. 3. Col. 2 based on Col. 4 \times Col. 5 (forecast).)

Figure G-34
GIWW TRAFFIC AND FORECAST
ALL OTHER COMMODITIES

			
	1	2	3
Year	GIWW All Other ¹ (million tons)	_{GNP} 2 (billian \$ 1972)	1 + 2 Explanatory Factor
(cal	(HITTION CONS)	(DIIIIUII \$ 1972)	ractor
1970	15.6	1,088	.014
1971	16.2	1,122	.014
1972	16.7	1,186	•014
1973	15.9	1,255	.013
1974	22.6	1,248	.018
1975	16.2	1,234	.013
1976	15.6	1,298	.012
1977	17.6	1,370	.013
1978	17.5	1,439	.012
1979	11.9	1,479	•008
1980	15.9	1,474	.011
1981	16.2	1,503	.011
1982	9.8	1,485	.0007
1983E	16.9	1,536	.011
1984F	17.8	1,619	.011
1985F	18.4	1,671	.011
1986F	18.8	1,713	.011
1987F	19.4	1,762	.011
1988F	20.0	1,818	.011
1989F	20.6	1,872	•011
1990F	21.2	1,929	.011

¹Source: USACE <u>WCUS</u> Part 2. ²Source: Forecast DRI.

However, the conservative forecast is justified because it takes into account the hard competition from railroads for this traffic, as well as greater coal imports from Colombia.

HISTORICAL TON-MILE ANALYSIS

Figures G-35, 36, and 37 summarize ton-miles on the Mississippi River System and other connecting tributaries. Figure G-35 summarizes this information as billions of ton-miles. This exhibit shows that the most dramatic growth occurred on the Mississippi River between Baton Rouge and New Orleans, because of increased grain exports, while traffic on other rivers grew at varying rates. Figure G-36 measures this relative growth on an index basis (with 1970 as the baseline year) and Figure G-37 examines the composition of this traffic on a ton-miles basis (as a percentage of total traffic). The Mississippi System's traffic between the Ohio River and Baton Rouge increased from 36 to 43 percent, while traffic on the Mississippi between Minneapolis and the Missouri remained relatively constant.

BARGE TRAFFIC SUMMARY

This series of exhibits (Figures G-38 - G-47) summarizes the historical barge traffic using CofE data from the Part II of the Waterborne Commerce Statistics volumes. It is intended to provide a snapshot view of the composition of trade of various waterways, showing the imbalances between loaded and empty, dry and tank barges, upbound/downbound or eastbound/westbound, as applicable. The information is intended to help carriers assess their tows versus overall traffic averages. This traffic includes movements of dredged materials aboard deck barges. Therefore, the traffic shown is slightly higher than the norm for linehaul carriers. In general, barge trips and drafts under four feet are considered empty, with the exception of the Gulf Intercoastal Waterway and the Mississippi River between the Ohio River and Baton Rouge, where trips under six feet are considered empty.

Figure G-35 Greater Western River System Internal traffic

(billions of ton miles)

_		Mississippi	Mississippi	Mississippi	Mississippi	Mississippi						A9.19	
	Totel	Mirn. to Mb. River	Mb. to Ohio	Ohio to Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge to New Orleans	New Orleans to Mouth of Pass	McClellan Arkansas	Illinois River	Missouri River	Ternesses River	Ohio River	Mexico- Florida	Black/Warrior Tombigbee
1970	139.1	10.4	9.1	49.8	6.7	1.9	0.2	7.0	1.2	3.7	30.2	16.1	2.8
1971	144.9	10.2	3.1	52.5	7.2	2.1	0.3	6.3	1.3	0.4	8.00	17.5	3.1
1972	159.9	11.6	10.6	60.3	6.7	2.3	0.5	7.7	6.0	3.8	32.1	17.6	3.6
1973	154.3	10.8	10.4	59.0	6.9	2.3	0.3	7.8	0.0	3.9	29.9	16.4	3.7
1974	166.3	11.7	11.4	65.2	9.5	2.1	0.5	8.1	1.2	3.6	31.9	16.9	4.2
1975	164.4	11.3	11.8	6.8	9.5	2.2	₽.0	6.3	1:1	3.9	32.3	15.4	3.3
1976	180.1	11.7	13.2	73.2	10.4	2.1	9.0	₩.	1.5	3.7	4.4	16.3	*:
1971	184.1	11.4	12.4	73.3	9.01	1.9	1.3	0.8	1.6	3.7	37.4	18.0	4.5
1978	193.1	12.9	13.4	78.9	11.11	1.8	1.7	7.6	1.5	*:	8.8	17.1	3.9
1979	200.5	13.3	13.6	80.8	11.2	1.7	1.5	7.0	1.5	2.1	43.4	17.0	* :
296	210.3	15.2	16.0	86.3	12.1	8.7	7.8	9.3	1.3	5.3	X6.7	16.3	5.2
1861	215.1	15.8	15.9	22.1	13.2	1.9	1.9	9.0	- -:-	8.	39.6	15.8	5.0

Source: Waterborne Commerce of the United States; Dept. of the Army Corps of Engineers Part 2.

Figure G-36 GREATER WESTERN RIVER SYSTEM INTERNAL TRAFFIC GROWTH INDICES

1970 * 100

	10te1	Mississippi Mim. to Mb. River	Missleshpi No. to Ohio	Hississippi Ohio to Beton Rouge	Mississippi Baton Rouge to New Orleans	Mastasippi New Grisens to Mouth of Pass	McClellen Arkenses	Illinoie River	Missouri River	Ternesses River	Ohio River	GIWW Mexico- Florida	Bleck/Werrior Tombigbee
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urcs: Materborne Commerce of the United States; Dept. of the Army Corps of Engineers Part 2.

Figure G-37 CREATER WESTERN RIVER SYSTEM INTERNAL TRAFIC PEREXINAGE

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Figure G-38

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BARGE IRAFFIC SUMMARY

RIVER SECTION: MISSISSIPPI RIVER-MINNEAPOLIS TO MISSOURI RIVER

			Upbound				0	Downbound			
	Ory Bar	arge	Tank Barge	arge	1000	Ory Ba	Barge	Iank Barge	arge	1000	Total
Year	Empty	Full	Empty	Full	Full	Empty	Full	Empty	Full	full	Barges
1970	11634	13295	1032	0769	19635	7123	17802	5553	1817	19619	32295
1971	12612	126 38	1063	6779	18887	6485	18752	5312	1999	20751	32548
1972	16121	13349	1305	6150	19499	7454	21954	5488	1973	23927	36869
1973	16656	11367	1291	5212	16579	5250	22760	4490	2028	24788	34528
1974	17679	12574	1616	5589	18163	4501	26326	4852	2330	28656	\$8009
1975	18522	12419	1758	5073	17492	9985	24968	6897	2227	27195	57750
1976	21629	11742	1910	5343	17085	5428	27862	4685	2680	30542	40655
1977	20436	12561	1716	5344	17905	5859	27138	4655	2385	29523	400 37
1978	20562	13010	1701	4810	17820	7076	27551	4121	2234	29785	40982
1979	22039	13043	1419	4168	17211	6003	29658	3328	2255	31913	41244
1980	27 586	12119	1927	3840	15959	5503	34947	3129	2596	37543	46175
1981	27286	11342	1872	3555	14897	2246	35556	2774	2579	35915	43935

Note: 6' and less are treated "empty."

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterborne Commerce of the United States Part 2.

Figure G-39

BARGE TRAFFIC SUMMARY

RIVER SECTION: MISSISSIPPI RIVER--MISSOURI RIVER TO OHIO RIVER

			Upbound				٥	Downbound			
	Dry Barg	a r ge	Tank Barge	ag rge	, ,	Ory Barge	rge	Tank Barge	arge	7.00.1	Total
Year	Empty	Full	Empty	Full	Full	Empty	Full	Empty	Full	Full	Barges
1970	12722	14394	1018	5991	20385	6407	20704	5055	1951	22655	34117
1971	12650	14638	838	6351	20989	6259	20705	5190	2035	22740	34 509
1972	17286	15491	1171	5980	21471	8032	24726	5113	2022	26748	39893
1973	19047	12763	1164	4611	17374	4727	27037	3724	2049	29086	37537
1974	20105	14254	1669	5137	19391	5995	28862	4102	2477	31339	41106
1975	20817	13897	1887	4779	18676	6250	29047	4316	2361	26686	41974
1976	25076	13539	2022	5144	18653	8655	33017	4117	2963	35980	45695
1977	22548	14355	1689	4767	19122	6447	30456	3752	2684	33140	43339
1978	27449	12992	1697	4373	17365	4240	35595	3418	2567	38162	45820
1979	. 30445	12167	1366	3919	16086	3090	38442	2702	2367	40809	46601
1980	38332	10766	1857	3581	14347	2210	46849	2652	2720	49569	54431
1981	37976	10365	1833	3597	13962	3031	45352	2658	5629	47981	53670

Note: 6' and less are treated "empty."

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterborne Commerce of the United States Part 2.

Figure 6-40

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BARGE TRAFFIC SUMMARY

RIVER SECTION: MISSISSIPPI RIVER--OHIO RIVER TO BATON ROUGE

	Total	Barges	54622	58472	99259	69065	65196	62491	71725	69655	74543	75025	82122	85048
	Total	Full	33147	36630	46552	42130	45979	44878	52839	51025	55837	59613	68815	73366
	3a rge	Full	2184	2748	2002	1742	2042	7171	2170	2075	2563	3258	4374	3858
Downbound	Tank Barge	Empty	11288	12506	13399	12431	12439	12253	13204	13673	13520	11023	8921	27.75
۵	Barge	Full	30963	33882	44550	40388	43937	43161	69905	48950	53274	56355	64441	80569
	Ory Be	Empty	10187	9336	5615	4508	6778	5360	5682	4957	5186	4389	4386	3907
	Total	Full	28643	28269	29341	25495	27729	26350	27048	28687	32181	28004	23967	20713
	Загде	Full	12403	13835	14569	13697	13895	13006	14160	15044	15263	13230	11219	9329
Upbound	Tank Barge	Empty	1080	1433	872	527	1173	1264	1257	984	1113	1609	2692	2581
	a rge	Fu11	16240	14434	14772	11798	13834	13344	12888	13643	16918	14774	12748	11384
	Dry Bar	Empty	24936	28808	35307	33004	36358	34570	42019	40431	40833	46095	55065	62542
		Year	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981

Note: 6' and less are treated "empty."

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterborne Commerce of the United States Part 2.

Figure G-41

BARGE TRAFFIC SUMMARY

RIVER SECTION: ILLINOIS RIVER

Year Empty Full Empty 1970 5992 10522 252 1971 6012 9890 634 1972 8672 9569 1248 1973 8081 10248 1428 1974 7059 10593 1162	lank Barge oty Full 152 4084 534 5763	Total Full 14606 13653						
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8081 10248 7059 10593	_	12648	7559	10726	3579	1734	12460	23598
7059 10593	_	13842	7674	10684	3043	1991	12675	23392
	_	14919	7319	10350	3259	2248	12598	23176
8473 11198		15302	8146	11576	2875	2215	13791	24862
10119 9968		13300	7070	13366	2878	2221	15587	25535
10030 9920		13154	6925	13016	2793	1389	14405	24123
9501 7382	_	10354	5424	12688	2540	1554	14242	22206
8961 7141		9076	2567	11964	2004	1242	13206	20477
12133 7399		9804	5351	15022	1854	2800	17822	25027
10354 8223		10487	2456	13249	1709	3170	16419	23584

Note: 6' and less are treated "empty."

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterborne Commerce of the United States Part 2.

Figure G-42

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BARGE TRAFFIC SUMMARY

RIVER SECTION: MCCLELLAN-KERR ARKANSAS RIVER

			Uobound				ā	Downbound			
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	Dry Barge	rge	Tank Berge	erge		Dry Ba	Barge	Iank Barge	arge	Total	Total Downbound
Year	Emoty	Fu11	Empty	Full	lota I Full	Empty	Full	Empty	Full	Full	Barges
			-	9	0704	\$002	2522	45	•	2525	1572
1970	2703	4821	7	9 6	1004	Y VOY	2934	98	26	2960	7844
1971	5206	5529	17	Ş ;	797	9101	1007	162	32	6125	9275
1972	4468	4646	24	1/1	401/	212	1	191	7.1	1881	8339
1973	3134	5121	13	365	2486	4512	7004	15.	1	445	9292
1974	37.62	5499	18	378	5877	4590	4222	766	3 6	3311	0,00
1076	1770	4765	29	272	5037	4366	4224	231	RZ	4455	0000
1913		100	250	193	5487	4493	4932	330	273	5205	10078
1976	4557	2074	707	313	7107	4221	6981	451	406	6595	12059
1977	7680	6522	96	616	6363	0785	7405	519	388	7793	14192
1978	2580	5182	264	2/2	7616	000/	7770	250	169	7823	11403
1979	5301	4711	512	Z 4	2141	1776	000			7.651	אטעטו
000	1517	4347	673	261	4608	2747	6/33	717	07/		20101
1780	0(44	6751	527	215	3784	2281	5535	213	268	6103	1468
1361	4417										

Note: 6' and less are treated "empty."

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterborne Commerce of the United States Part 2.

Figure G-43

BARGE TRAFFIC SUMMARY

RIVER SECTION: MISSOURI RIVER

	Jotal	Barges	23066	18943	19335	16373	18487	15588	16589	15129	18877	17000	11822	11310
	1040	Full	13519	16605	10590	8748	11331	7965	9558	9915	10613	12861	9574	0898
	arge	Full	101	144	157	97	87	47	180	198	256	153	123	120
Downbound	Tank Barge	Empty	568	994	342	220	227	259	176	159	221	182	147	115
ď	arge	Full	13212	11461	10433	8651	11244	7918	9378	7117	10357	12708	9451	0958
	Dry Barge	Empty	8446	6872	8403	7405	6269	7364	6855	5055	8043	5957	2101	2515
	Intel	rotai	8682	7425	8760	10345	11719	7007	6258	5138	8426	5914	6675	4633
	Barge	Full	698	402	404	219	252	274	285	270	569	261	204	159
Upbound	lank Barge	Empty	41	205	28	111	28	34	104	137	74	80	84	171
	arge	Full	8313	7023	8356	10126	11467	6823	5975	6987	8157	5713	4295	4474
	Dry Barge	Empty	14359	11288	10322	5882	8244	8534	10035	9910	8788	10977	10008	9465
		Year	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981

Note: 6' and less are treated "empty."

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterborne Commerce of the United States Part 2.

Figure 6-44

BARGE TRAFFIC SUMMARY

RIVER SECTION: TENNESSEE RIVER

Vear Empty Tank Barge Tocal Dry Barge Tempty Full Full </th <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> <th>Uppound</th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> <th>۵</th> <th>Downbound</th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th>				Uppound				۵	Downbound			
Dry Barge Tank Bar				-								
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	1861	/9/9	06761	2	2777	24/47						

Note: 6' and less are treated "empty."

Source: U.S. Army Carps of Engineers Waterborne Commerce of the United States Part 2.

Figure G-45

BARGE TRAFFIC SUMMARY

RIVER SECTION: OHIO RIVER

	ļ	Upbound				۵	Downbound			
Dry Barge		Tank Barge	large	10 40	Огу Вагде	ırge	Tank Barge	large	10+01	Total
Full	; ;	Empty	Full	Full	Empty	Ful1	Empty	Fu11	Full	Вагрез
14153		3676	12552	56705	40547	55347	11716	4514	59861	112124
15943		4586	13042	58985	40971	54726	12193	5443	60169	113336
1095		4402	13223	58824	40467	55450	12374	5257	60707	113548
15340		3411	12401	57741	39828	61032	10929	4599	65631	116388
42277		4115	10689	99629	36593	60268	10064	4740	80059	111665
13181		4170	10066	53247	34473	58819	6006	4257	63076	107456
51513		3445	10663	62176	43024	57850	10335	3736	61586	114945
17918		2600	10849	58767	39813	63290	10392	3260	66550	116755
54793		2635	10214	26699	44266	62850	10458	4585	67435	122159
18349		3810	9636	58285	43805	85571	9245	4816	90387	143437
48230		4911	6889	57110	42767	72261	8065	5885	77846	128678
51533		4174	7503	59036	43948	67132	6858	4720	71852	122659

Note: 6' and less are treated "empty."

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterborne Commerce of the United States Part 2.

Figure G-46

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BARGE TRAFFIC SUMMARY

RIVER SECTION: GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY - BETWEEN APALACHEE BAY AND THE MEXICAN BORDER

	Total	Barges	68704	751.59	75037	65124	94549	63081	62108	66909	58455	55480	53703	53428
	10401	Full	31335	29504	27218	25215	25259	23462	22369	23711	22984	225 38	23671	23951
	Barge	Full	17.535	18503	17107	14590	13526	15523	13840	14988	14279	14270	14170	14055
Westbound	Jank Barge	Empty	21315	23471	23659	20679	21024	21997	20173	20395	19499	17098	15956	15915
	arge	Full	5998	110011	10111	10625	11733	10139	8529	8723	8705	8568	9501	9686
	Dry Barge	Empty	21054	22164	24160	19230	17963	17622	19566	16593	15972	15844	14076	13582
	10401	Full	32439	37263	41718	36257	35403	34194	32362	53011	33205	29930	27962	27088
	lank Barge	Full	18439	20072	21756	20357	20185	20795	18675	19913	19751	17490	15688	15548
Eastbound	lank (Empty	20192	21856	18093	14822	13702	14655	15295	1 3941	12899	12869	15403	14607
	arge	Full	14000	17191	19962	15900	16218	13398	13687	13098	13454	12440	12277	11540
	Dry Ba	Empty	16040	15994	14402	14061	14551	15150	14446	13964	13081	11153	12002	11742
		Year	1970	1761	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981

Note: 6' and less are treated "empty."

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterborne Commerce of the United States Part 2.

Figure G-47

BARGE TRAFFIC SUMMARY

RIVER SECTION: BLACK WARRIOR AND TOMBIGIBEE RIVERS

		Upbound				O	Downbound			
Dry Barge	агде	Tank Barge	la rge	10401	Dry Be	Barge	Tank Barge	arge	10401	Total
Empty	Full	Empty	Full	Full	Empty	Full	Empty	Full	Full	Barges
4948	176.	157	698	2637	925	5796	839	189	5985	7749
1694	2527	150	879	3406	1554	5677	817	210	5887	8258
5445	3019	111	686	4088	2380	0609	916	178	6298	9564
4800	3159	. 129	968	4055	2194	5771	898	152	5923	8985
5028	3660	274	523	4183	2322	6367	471	318	6885	9418
5390	2468	248	437	2905	1678	6195	392	277	6472	8542
9965	3208	210	471	3679	2123	7053	433	241	7294	9850
2887	3147	247	445	3592	2013	7021	389	280	7301	9703
2396	3081	259	505	3583	1848	9619	374	306	6490	9324
1719	2738	345	402	3140	1564	7421	282	493	7914	0926
1559	2259	237	397	2656	1112	8457	192	648	9105	10409
1957	2256	233	296	2552	1144	9025	201	407	9432	77701

Note: 6' and less are treated "empty."

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Materborne Commerce of the United States Part 2.

APPENDIX H
FINANCIAL FORECASTING MODEL

FINANCIAL FORECASTING MODEL FOR AN INLAND BARGE AND TOWING COMPANY

The financial forecasting model is based on revenue and cost parameters which are unique to each barge and towing company. Forecasted revenue is based upon expected market share, available equipment, utilization and freight rates. Expected costs are dependent upon fixed and variable towing costs, annual barge costs, port expenses, and sales, general and administrative expenses. The model used is the FCS-EPS1 computer spread sheet package.

PARAMETERS

Each of the parameters must be estimated for the forecast period. For example, market share is determined from an analysis of historical market shares and estimations of whether the shares for each commodity group are expected to increase, decrease, or remain constant. The historical shares are calculated by dividing the company's actual tonnages by the industry tonnages described in Chapter IV and Appendix G. The expected market share percentages are then multiplied by the forecasted industry tonnages to get forecasted company tonnages. In the model, the commodity tonnages are grouped by equipment type: open, covered, and tank barges.

MODEL SECTIONS

The model is developed in three sections. The Logic Section describes all of the company parameters (C.P.) and their mathematical relationships. The Data Section provides the inputs values for the parameters for all time periods used in the model. The Report Section formats the outputs for presentation of the forecast results.

The Logic Section is described below in detail. Other standard spreadsheet packages can also be used by applying these equations. The company data can then be entered on each line for the desired time periods.

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LOGIC SECTION

Revenue

- 1) Annual Tonnage:Covered Hoppers (Based on Market Share)
- 2) Number of Covered Hoppers (Company Parameters--C.P.)
- 3) Annual Tonnage Per Covered Hopper (= Line 1/Line 2)
- 4) Average Tonnage per Trip:Covered Hoppers (C.P.)
- 5) Number of Loads Per Year Per Covered Hopper (= Line 4/ Line 5)
- 6) Averaged Loaded Trip Miles:Covered Hoppers (C.P.)
- 7) Cargo Ton Miles:Covered Hoppers (= Line 2 x Line 4 x Line 5 x Line 6)
- 8) Revenue Per Cargo Ton Mile:Covered Hoppers (C.P.)
- 9) Total Revenue:Covered Hoppers (= Line 7 x Line 8)
- 10-19) Repeat for Open Hoppers
- 20-29) Repeat for Tank Barges
 - 30) Demurrage Revenue (C.P.)
 - 31) Other Income (C.P.)
 - 32) Total Revenue (= Line 9 + Line 19 + Line 29 + Line 30 + Line 31)

Towing Costs

- 33) Fixed Towing Cost (C.P.)
- 34) Cost Per Cargo Ton Mile (C.P.)
- 35) Variable Towing Cost (= Line 34 x (Line 7 + Line 17 + Line 27))
- 36 Total Towing Cost (= Line 35 + Line 33)

Barge Expense

- 37) Annual Cost Per Barge: Covered Hoppers (C.P.)
- 38) Annual Cost:Covered Hoppers (= Line 2 x Line 37)
- 39) Annual Cost Per Barge: Open Hoppers (C.P.)
- 40) Annual Cost:Open Hoppers (= Line 12 x Line 39)
- 41) Annual Cost Per Barge: Tank Barges (C.P.)
- 42) Annual Cost: Tank Barges (= Line 22 x Line 41)
- 43) Total Annual Barge Cost (= Line 38 + Line 40 + Line 42)

Port Expenses

- 44) Port Expenses Per Barge Load (C.P.)
- 45) Port Expenses:Covered Barge (= Line 2 x Line 5 x Line 44)
- 46) Port Expenses:Open Hoppers (= Line 12 x Line 15 x Line 44)
- 47) Port Expense: Tank Barges (= Line 22 x Line 25 x Line 44)
- 48) Total Port Expenses (= Line 45 + Line 46 + Line 47)

Other Expenses

- 49) Other Expense (C.P.)
- 50) Total Operating Expense (= Line 36 + Line 43 + Line 48 + Line 49)
- 51) Gross Operating Profit (= Line 32 Line 50)
- 52) Sales, General and Administration Expense (C.P.)

Earnings

53) Earning Before Interest and Taxes = Line 51 - Line 52

APPLICATION

Using a financial forecasting model, the planner can determine the potential effects upon earnings due to changes in market share, freight rates, equipment configuration or operating patterns.

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